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This five-volume guide contains 600+ hard to find questions from GMATPrep, along with in depth explanations that should help you build a strong foundation for concepts tested on the Sentence Correction section of the GMAT. The questions have been organized into five different levels to cater to the students’ preparation level. Within each book, the questions are carefully arranged in order of difficulty.

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If you are looking for a great score on the Verbal Section, the best resource to practice from are Official Questions. This is important because as GMAT is a standardised test, we would like to closely mimic the quality of the questions you will encounter on the actual test. Apart from the Official Guide, and the supplement Verbal Review, the only “known” source of such quality questions is the GMATPrep. This guide contains 120+ Intermediate level questions from the GMATPrep testing software.

Practice these questions by dividing them into sets of 10 each. It is very important that you time yourself when solving these questions. Ideally, you should spend 75-90 seconds on an SC question. So, take around 15 minutes to solve each set.

Once you finish attempting the questions, do not review the questions for mistakes straightaway. Check whether you have overlooked something on the first go.

Now, cross check your answers with the answer key provided. For those questions that you answered incorrectly, try solving them with a different approach. Even for those questions you answered correctly, try to see if you have a clear, and logical explanation for why you picked the answer. See if you are able to find additional problems that you were not able to spot in the first attempt.

After you have done so, go through the in depth explanations provided to get a good understanding of concepts tested. If you come across something new in the solutions, make a note of it in your log book. This helps reinforce that concept.
**QUESTIONS**

**Question 1**

During the same period in which the Maya were developing a hieroglyphic system of writing, the Aztec people also developed a written language, **but it was not as highly sophisticated as that of the Maya and was** more pictographic in nature.

A. but it was not as highly sophisticated as that of the Maya and was  
B. but it was not as highly sophisticated as the Maya, being  
C. but, not as highly sophisticated as the Maya's, was  
D. not as highly sophisticated as that of the Maya, however, being  
E. not as highly sophisticated as the Maya's however, it was

**Question 2**

One automobile manufacturer has announced plans to increase the average fuel efficiency of its sport utility vehicles by 25 percent over the next five years, **amounting to roughly five miles per gallon, and representing** the first significant change in the fuel efficiency of any class of passenger vehicle in almost two decades.

A. amounting to roughly five miles per gallon, and representing  
B. amounting to roughly five miles per gallon, and it would represent  
C. an increase that would amount to roughly five miles per gallon and it would represent  
D. an increase that would amount to roughly five miles per gallon and would represent  
E. which is an increase amounting to roughly five miles per gallon, representing

**Question 3**

The agreement, the first to formally require industrialized countries to cut emissions of gases linked to global warming, is a formal protocol **by which** 38 industrialized countries must reduce emissions of these gases by 2012 or face heavy penalties.

A. by which  
B. for which  
C. under which  
D. such that  
E. wherein
Question 4

Three out of every four automobile owners in the United States also own a bicycle.
A. Three out of every four automobile owners in the United States also own a bicycle.
B. Out of every four, three automobile owners in the United States also owns a bicycle.
C. Bicycles are owned by three out of every four owners of automobiles in the United States.
D. In the United States, three out of every four automobile owners owns bicycles.
E. Out of every four owners of automobiles in the United States, bicycles are also owned by three.

Question 5

Using technology as new as space-age fabrics and as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, scientists and historians, in their attempt at cleaning and preserving the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814, are hoping that it will then last another 200 years.
A. and as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, scientists and historians, in their attempt at cleaning and preserving the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814, are hoping
B. and as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, scientists and historians are attempting to clean and preserve the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814, hoping
C. and as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, an attempt by scientists and historians to clean and preserve the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814 is being made in the hope
D. but also as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, scientists and historians who are attempting to clean and preserve the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814, hoping
E. but also as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, an attempt by scientists and historians at cleaning and preserving the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814 in hopes

Question 6

Unlike crested wheatgrass, an alien species from Siberia that forms only shallow roots and produces tall aboveground shoots, native North American grasses develop an extensive root system, allowing for greater enrichment of the soil, but do not grow to be very tall.
A. native North American grasses develop an extensive root system, allowing for
greater enrichment of the soil, but do not grow to be very
B. native North American grasses develop an extensive root system, which allows for their greater enrichment of the soil, but without growing to be that
C. the root system of native North American grasses is extensive, allowing for greater enrichment of the soil, but they do not grow to be very
D. the root system of native North American grasses is more extensive, allowing for the greater enrichment of the soil, but these grasses do not grow to be very
E. the extensiveness of the root system of native North American grasses allows for their greater enrichment of the soil, but they do not grow to be that

Question 7

A pair of architects in Britain, who say that giant arches, bridges, and walls made of artificial bone could be easier to design and build than conventional structures, and already designed a number of structures, including a bridge, for showing how their idea would work.
A. build than conventional structures, and already designed a number of structures, including a bridge, for showing
B. build than conventional structures, and they have already designed a number of structures, which includes a bridge, to show
C. build than conventional structures, have already designed a number of structures, including a bridge, to show
D. also to build than conventional structures, already designed a number of structures, including a bridge, which shows
E. to build than with conventional structures, have already designed a number of structures, including a bridge, which shows

Question 8

Results from the 1998 National Demographic and Health Survey confirm that, even when compared with densely populated countries like Thailand and Indonesia, the Philippine nation's fertility rates consistently exceed all of its Southeast Asian neighbors.
A. like Thailand and Indonesia, the Philippine nation's fertility rates consistently exceed all of
B. like Thailand and Indonesia, the Philippine nation consistently exhibits fertility rates exceeding all
C. such as Thailand and Indonesia, the fertility rates exhibited by the Philippine nation are consistently exceeding those of all
D. such as Thailand and Indonesia, the Philippine nation's fertility rates consistently
exceed all those of
E. such as Thailand and Indonesia, the Philippine nation consistently exhibits fertility
rates that exceed those of all

**Question 9**

According to a new report by the surgeon general, women with less than a high school
education **had three times the likelihood that they would begin smoking** as women
who went to college.
A. had three times the likelihood that they would begin smoking
B. had three times the likelihood of beginning smoking
C. were three times more likely to begin to smoke
D. were three times more likely that they would begin to smoke
E. were three times as likely to begin smoking

**Question 10**

According to a study published in The New England Journal of Medicine, aspirin
**prevents blood clots just as well as a commonly used and more expensive blood-
thinning drug does.**
A. prevents blood clots just as well as a commonly used and more expensive blood-
thinning drug does
B. prevents blood clots just as well as does a commonly used and a more expensive
blood-thinning drug
C. prevents blood clots just as well as will a commonly used and more expensive
blood-thinning drug
D. works just as well as a commonly used and more expensive blood-thinning drug at
the prevention of blood clots
E. works just as well as does a commonly used blood-thinning drug, which is also more
expensive, at preventing blood clots

**Question 11**

Fossils of a whale **that beached on an African shore more than a million years ago and**
was subsequently butchered by hominids have **been recovered by paleontologists.**
A. that beached on an African shore more than a million years ago and was
subsequently butchered by hominids have
B. that beached on an African shore more than a million years ago and then was
subsequently butchered by hominids has
C. that beached on an African shore more than a million years ago, which was subsequently butchered by hominids, has  
D. having been beached on an African shore more than a million years ago and subsequently butchered by hominids, have  
E. having beached on an African shore more than a million years ago and then subsequently were butchered by hominids have

**Question 12**

Unlike frogs that metamorphose from tadpoles into adults within a one-year period, it takes three to four years for the mountain yellow-legged frog of the Sierra Nevada to reach adulthood, and so they are restricted to deeper bodies of water that do not dry up in summer or freeze solid in winter.  
A. it takes three to four years for the mountain yellow-legged frog of the Sierra Nevada to reach adulthood, and so they are  
B. it takes the mountain yellow-legged frog of the Sierra Nevada three to four years until it reaches adulthood, and therefore it is  
C. in the Sierra Nevada, mountain yellow-legged tree frogs take three to four years to reach adulthood, thus being  
D. mountain yellow-legged frogs of the Sierra Nevada take three to four years until they reach adulthood, thus  
E. mountain yellow-legged frogs of the Sierra Nevada take three to four years to reach adulthood, and so they are

**Question 13**

Meteor showers and individual streaks of light that flash across the sky every night are generated when tiny flecks of celestial detritus, often no larger than grains of sand or of pebbles, burn up speeding through the atmosphere.  
A. grains of sand or of pebbles, burn up speeding  
B. grains of sand or pebbles, burn up while speeding  
C. grains of sand or pebbles, which burn up while speeding  
D. a grain of sand or pebble, which burns up as it speeds  
E. a grain of sand or a pebble, burns up when it speeds

**Question 14**

The results of two recent unrelated studies support the idea that dolphins may share certain cognitive abilities with humans and great apes; the studies indicate dolphins
as capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and to grasp spontaneously the mood or intention of humans.

A. dolphins as capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and to grasp spontaneously
B. dolphins’ ability to recognize themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered as a sign of self-awareness—and of spontaneously grasping
C. dolphins to be capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and to grasp spontaneously
D. that dolphins have the ability of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered as a sign of self-awareness—and spontaneously grasping
E. that dolphins are capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and of spontaneously grasping

Question 15

The state has proposed new rules that would set minimum staffing levels for nurses, rules intended to ensure that at least one nurse is assigned for every four patients put through triage in a hospital emergency room.

A. rules intended to ensure that at least one nurse is assigned for every four patients put through triage in a hospital emergency room
B. rules with the intent of ensuring one nurse at least to be assigned for every four patients to be put through triage in a hospital emergency room
C. rules intending to ensure at least one nurse is assigned for every four patients in a hospital emergency room put through triage
D. with the intent of ensuring that at least one nurse should be assigned for every four patients in a hospital emergency room that are put through triage
E. and this is intended to ensure one nurse at least to be assigned for every four patients put through triage in a hospital emergency room

Question 16

Whereas in mammals the tiny tubes that convey nutrients to bone cells are arrayed in parallel lines, in birds the tubes form a random pattern.

A. Whereas in mammals the tiny tubes that convey nutrients to bone cells are arrayed in parallel lines, in birds the tubes
B. Whereas the tiny tubes for the conveying of nutrients to bone cells are arrayed in mammals in parallel lines, birds have tubes that
C. Unlike mammals, where the tiny tubes for conveying nutrients to bone cells are arrayed in parallel lines, birds’ tubes
D. Unlike mammals, in whom the tiny tubes that convey nutrients to bone cells are
arrayed in parallel lines, the tubes in birds
E. Unlike the tiny tubes that convey nutrients to bone cells, which in mammals are arrayed in parallel lines, in birds the tubes

**Question 17**

The United States minted about 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars between 1979 and 1981, but the coin proved unpopular because it looked and felt too much like a quarter.
A. The United States minted about 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars between 1979 and 1981, but the coin
B. About 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars were minted as coins in the United States between 1979 and 1981 but
C. About 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars that were minted between 1979 and 1981 in the United States
D. About 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars that the United States minted between 1979 and 1981
E. Between 1979 and 1981 the United States minted about 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars, which

**Question 18**

With an awareness that there are connotations associated with the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B, companies conducting consumer taste tests of foods or beverages typically choose numbers such as 697 or 483 to label the products.
A. With an awareness that there are connotations associated with the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B
B. Because the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B have connotations they are aware of
C. Because of an awareness of the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B having connotations
D. Aware of the connotations of the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B
E. Since the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B have connotations associated with them and they are aware of it

**Question 19**

Because Miranda, the smallest moon of Uranus, has a large number of different surface features, including craters, mountains, valleys, and fractures, some
astronomers suggest that at one time repeated impacts broke the surface apart, and after which the fragments were subsequently rejoined because of mutual gravitational attraction.

A. repeated impacts broke the surface apart, and after which the fragments were subsequently rejoined because of
B. repeated impacts on the surface broke it apart, after which the fragments having rejoined
C. through repeated impacts that the surface broke apart, after which the fragments subsequently rejoined by.
D. the surface broke apart with repeated impacts, after which the fragments having rejoined through.
E. the surface broke apart as a result of repeated impacts, after which the fragments rejoined through.

**Question 20**

Studies that have compared the different types of insects in coffee plantations and tropical forests have reported either finding a similar or a greater variety in plantations.

A. and tropical forests have reported either finding a similar or a
B. with those of tropical forests have either reported finding a similar or
C. with those in tropical forests have reported finding either a similar or a
D. to tropical forests have either reported finding a similar or
E. to those of tropical forests have reported either finding a similar or

**Question 21**

The thirteen original British colonies in North America, some formed as commercial ventures, others as religious havens, each had a written charter that set forth its form of government and the rights of the colonists.

A. some formed as commercial ventures, others as religious havens, each had a written charter
B. some being formed as a commercial venture, others as religious havens, all of which had written charters
C. some that formed as commercial ventures, others as religious havens, all had written charters
D. with some being formed as a commercial venture, others as religious havens, all had a written charter
E. with some formed as commercial ventures, while others as religious havens, each had a written charter.

**Question 22**

Although she had been known as an effective legislator first in the Texas Senate and later in the United States House of Representatives, not until Barbara Jordan’s participation in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon in 1974 was she made a nationally recognized figure, as it was televised nationwide.

A. later in the United States House of Representatives, not until Barbara Jordan’s participation in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon in 1974 was she made a nationally recognized figure, as it was
B. later in the United States House of Representatives, Barbara Jordan did not become a nationally recognized figure until 1974, when she participated in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon, which were
C. later in the United States House of Representatives, it was not until 1974 that Barbara Jordan became a nationally recognized figure, with her participation in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon, which was
D. then also later in the United States House of Representatives, not until 1974 did Barbara Jordan become a nationally recognized figure, as she participated in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon, being
E. then also later in the United States House of Representatives, Barbara Jordan did not become a nationally recognized figure until 1974, when she participated in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon, which was

**Question 23**

George Washington Carver dedicated his life to the economic strengthening of the south with improvement of soil and diversification of crops.

A. the economic strengthening of the south with improvement of soil and diversification of crops.
B. strengthening the economy in the south with soil improvement and diversification of crops.
C. the strengthening of the economy of the south through soil improvement and crop diversification.
D. the strengthening of the economy of the south through improving soil and crop diversifying
E. the economic strengthening in the south with improving soil and diversifying crop
Question 24

Horses have a unique system of interlocking ligaments and bones in their legs, serving as a kind of sling in which, with their body weight suspended and the muscles in their limbs completely relaxed, the result is they are able to sleep standing up.
A. legs, serving as a kind of sling in which, with their body weight suspended and the muscles in their limbs completely relaxed, the result is
B. legs that serve as a kind of sling in which to suspend their body weight, the muscles in their limbs being completely relaxed; as a result,
C. legs that serve as a kind of sling in which, with their body weight suspended while the muscles in their limbs are completely relaxed, the result is
D. legs that serves as a kind of sling in which, with their body weight suspended and the muscles in their limbs completely relaxed, having the result that
E. legs that serves as a kind of sling in which their body weight is suspended while the muscles in their limbs are completely relaxed; as a result,

Question 25

Charles Lindbergh, for his attempt at a solo transatlantic flight, was very reluctant to have any extra weight on his plane, he therefore refused to carry even a pound of mail, despite being offered $1,000 to do so.
A. Charles Lindbergh, for his attempt at a solo transatlantic flight, was very reluctant to have any extra weight on his plane, he therefore
B. When Charles Lindbergh was attempting his solo transatlantic flight, being very reluctant to have any extra weight on his plane, he
C. Since he was very reluctant to carry any extra weight on his plane when he was attempting his solo transatlantic flight, so Charles Lindbergh
D. Being very reluctant to carry any extra weight on his plane when he attempted his solo transatlantic flight was the reason that Charles Lindbergh
E. Very reluctant to have any extra weight on his plane when he attempted his solo transatlantic flight, Charles Lindbergh

Question 26

Retail sales rose 8/10 of 1 percent in August, intensifying expectations that personal spending in the July-September quarter more than doubled that of the 1.4 percent growth rate in personal spending for the previous quarter.
A. that personal spending in the July-September quarter more than doubled that of
B. that personal spending in the July-September quarter would more than double
C. of personal spending in the July-September quarter, that it more than doubled
D. of personal spending in the July-September quarter, more than doubling that of
E. of personal spending in the July-September quarter, that it would more than double

**Question 27**

Researchers agreed that the study of new treatments for heart attack patients was extremely important but more research was needed to determine that balloon angioplasty preceded with ultrasound was or was not any better for heart attack patients than the balloon procedure by itself.

A. more research was needed to determine that balloon angioplasty preceded with ultrasound was or was not any better for heart attack patients than

B. more research was needed for determining whether or not balloon angioplasty preceded by ultrasound is any better for heart attack patients than is

C. that more research was needed to determine whether balloon angioplasty preceded by ultrasound is any better for heart attack patients than

D. that more research was needed to determine that balloon angioplasty preceded with ultrasound was any better for heart attack patients than

E. that more research was needed for determining that balloon angioplasty preceded by ultrasound is or is not any better for heart attack patients than is

**Question 28**

The bones of Majungatholus atopus, a meat-eating dinosaur that is a distant relative of Tyrannosaurus rex and closely resembles South American predatory dinosaurs, have been discovered in Madagascar.

A. The bones of Majungatholus atopus, a meat-eating dinosaur that is a distant relative of Tyrannosaurus rex and closely resembles South American predatory dinosaurs, have been discovered in Madagascar.

B. The bones of a meat-eating dinosaur, Majungatholus atopus, a distant relative of Tyrannosaurus rex and with a close resemblance to South American predatory dinosaurs, has been discovered in Madagascar.

C. In Madagascar, the bones of a meat-eating dinosaur, Majungatholus atopus, distantly related to Tyrannosaurus rex and closely resembled South American predatory dinosaurs, have been discovered.

D. A distant relative of Tyrannosaurus rex, bearing a close resemblance to South American predatory dinosaurs is Majungatholus atopus, a meat-eating dinosaur, the bones of which have been discovered in Madagascar.

E. A distant relative of Tyrannosaurus rex and closely resembling South American
predatory dinosaurs, the bones of a meat-eating dinosaur, Majungatholus atopus, have been discovered in Madagascar.

**Question 29**

Because she knew many of the leaders of colonial America and the American Revolution personally, Mercy Otis Warren was continually at or near the center of political events from 1765 to 1789, a vantage point combining with her talent for writing to make her one of the most valuable historians of the ear.

A. a vantage point combining with her talent for writing to make
B. a vantage point, when combined with her talent for writing, that made
C. a vantage point that combined with her talent for writing, and it made
D. and this vantage point, which combined with her talent for writing to make
E. and this vantage point, combined with her talent for writing, made

**Question 30**

The direction in which the Earth and the other solid planets--Mercury, Venus, and Mars--spins were determined from collisions with giant celestial bodies in the early history of the Solar System.

A. spins were determined from
B. spins were determined because of
C. spins was determined through
D. spin was determined by
E. spin was determined as a result of

**Question 31**

The period when the great painted caves at Lascaux and Altamira were occupied by Upper Paleolithic peoples has been established by carbon dating, but what is much more difficult to determine are the use to which primitive peoples put the caves, the reason for their decoration, and the meaning of the magnificently depicted animals.

A. has been established by carbon dating, but what is much more difficult to determine are
B. have been established by carbon dating, but what is much more difficult to determine are
C. have been established by carbon dating, but that which is much more difficult to determine is.
D. has been established by carbon dating, but what is much more difficult to
determine is
E. are established by carbon dating, but that which is much more difficult to determine is

Question 32
Beneath the soil of the Malheur National Forest in eastern Oregon, a fungus has for centuries been slowly weaving its way through the roots of trees, to become the largest living single organism known to humans.
A. has for centuries been slowly weaving its way through the roots of trees, to become
B. has slowly woven its way through the roots of trees for centuries, and so becoming
C. that has been slowly weaving its way through the roots of trees for centuries has become
D. that has for centuries slowly woven its way through the roots of trees and has become
E. that, having slowly woven its way through the roots of trees for centuries, to become

Question 33
The computer company registered a $16 million net loss for the year, largely because it was profitable only overseas, where much of their profits were used for paying higher taxes, while continuing to lose money in North America.
A. where much of their profits were used for paying higher taxes, while continuing
B. where much of their profits went to pay higher taxes, as they continued
C. where much of its profit went to pay higher taxes, while it continued
D. with much of their profits going to pay higher taxes, while continuing
E. with much of the profit used for paying higher taxes, as it continued

Question 34
According to public health officials, in 1998 Massachusetts became the first state in which more babies were born to women over the age of thirty than under it.
A. than
B. than born
C. than they were
D. than there had been
E. than had been born
Question 35
In January 1994 an oil barge ran aground off the coast of San Juan, Puerto Rico, leaking its cargo of 750,000 gallons into the ocean, while causing the pollution of the city’s beaches.
A. leaking its cargo of 750,000 gallons into the ocean, while causing the pollution of 
B. with its cargo of 750,000 gallons leaking into the ocean, and it polluted 
C. and its cargo of 750,000 gallons leaked into the ocean, polluting 
D. while it leaked its cargo of 750,000 gallons into the ocean and caused the pollution of 
E. so that its cargo of 750,000 gallons leaked into the ocean, and they were polluting

Question 36
Finally reaching a decision on an issue that has long been politically charged in the Pacific Northwest, politicians decided to postpone by at least five years an ambitious plan to protect wild salmon and other endangered fish, instead of which they proposed a series of smaller steps, by which they intend to protect the fish.
A. politicians decided to postpone by at least five years an ambitious plan to protect wild salmon and other endangered fish, instead of which they proposed a series of smaller steps, by which they intend 
B. politicians decided to postpone by at least five years an ambitious plan to protect wild salmon and other endangered fish, proposing instead a series of smaller steps intended 
C. politicians decided to postpone by at least five years an ambitious plan for protecting wild salmon and other endangered fish, and instead they proposed a series of smaller steps, intending 
D. an ambitious plan to protect wild salmon and other endangered fish was postponed by politicians, who instead proposed a series of smaller steps, intending 
E. an ambitious plan to protect wild salmon and other endangered fish has been postponed by politicians, proposing instead a series of smaller steps intended

Question 37
The contractor and the engineer agree on the cause of the bridge failure, but both blame the other 
A. both blame the other 
B. each blames the other 
C. each blame the other person
D. both are blaming the other
E. each blames the other

Question 38
A leading figure in the Scottish enlightenment, Adam Smith’s two major books are to democratic capitalism what Marx’s Das Kapital is to socialism.
A. Adam Smith’s two major books are to democratic capitalism what
B. Adam Smith’s two major books are to democratic capitalism like
C. Adam Smith’s two major books are to democratic capitalism just as
D. Adam Smith wrote two major books that are to democratic capitalism similar to
E. Adam Smith wrote two major books that are to democratic capitalism what

Question 39
A surge in new home sales and a drop in weekly unemployment claims suggest that the economy might not be as weak as some analysts previously thought.
A. claims suggest that the economy might not be as weak as some analysts previously thought
B. claims suggests that the economy might not be so weak as some analysts have previously Thought
C. claims suggest that the economy might not be as weak as have been previously thought by some analysts
D. claims, suggesting about the economy that it might not be so weak as previously thought by some analysts
E. claims, suggesting the economy might not be as weak as previously thought to be by some analysts

Question 40
In Scotland, the number of wild salmon have been reduced because of uncontrolled deep-sea and coastal netting, by pollution, and by various other threats to the fish’s habitat.
A. number of wild salmon have been reduced because of uncontrolled deep-sea and coastal netting
B. number of wild salmon is reduced because deep-sea and coastal netting is not controlled
C. numbers of wild salmon has been reduced because of uncontrolled deep-sea and coastal netting
D. wild salmon’s numbers are reduced by deep-sea and coastal netting that is not controlled  
E. wild salmon’s numbers have been reduced by uncontrolled deep-sea and coastal netting

Question 41

Many of the earliest known images of Hindu deities in India date from the time of the Kushan empire, fashioned either from the spotted sandstone of Mathura or Gandharan grey schist.  
A. empire, fashioned either from the spotted sandstone of Mathura or  
B. empire, fashioned from either the spotted sandstone of Mathura or from  
C. empire, either fashioned from the spotted sandstone of Mathura or  
D. empire and either fashioned from the spotted sandstone of Mathura or from  
E. empire and were fashioned either from the spotted sandstone of Mathura or from

Question 42

In contrast to environmentalists’ proposals to limit emissions of certain pollutants, the administration proposed calling for mandatory restrictions of only three such pollutants from power plants-mercury, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides-and the plan would delay such cuts until 2010 or later.  
A. administration proposed calling for mandatory restriction of  
B. administration proposed a call for mandatory restrictions, including those for  
C. administration, proposing mandatory restrictions on  
D. administration’s proposal was a call for mandatory restrictions, which include  
E. administration’s proposal would call for mandatory restrictions on

Question 43

Scientists have recently discovered that the ultrathin, layered construction of a butterfly’s wings, the same as the one making some butterflies shimmer via the phenomenon of iridescence, are enabling the insect to control how much heat energy is absorbed by its wings and how much is reflected away.  
A. wings, the same as the one making some butterflies shimmer via the phenomenon of iridescence, are enabling  
B. wings, which is the same one that makes some butterflies shimmer via the phenomenon of iridescence, that also enables  
C. wings is the same as the one that makes some butterflies shimmer via the
phenomenon of iridescence, enabling
D. wings—the same construction that makes some butterflies shimmer via the phenomenon of iridescence—also enables
E. wings—of the same construction that makes some butterflies shimmer via the phenomenon of iridescence—also enable

Question 44
By recording the noise of crinkled wrappers as they were slowly stretched out in an otherwise silent chamber, and then digitizing and analyzing the sound emissions on computers, a team of scientists found the noise not continuous but consisted of individual bursts or pops just thousandths of a second long.
A. digitizing and analyzing the sound emissions on computers, a team of scientists found the noise not
B. digitizing and analyzing the sound emissions on computers, a team of scientists found that the noise was not
C. digitizing and analyzing the sound emissions on computers, a team of scientists found the noise not to be
D. the sound emissions were digitized and analyzed on computers, a team of scientists found that the noise was not
E. the sound emissions were digitized and analyzed on computers, a team of scientists found the noise not to be

Question 45
Hans Christian Andersen wrote fairy tales, which have been some of the most frequently translated works in literary history, while he wrote plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies, which remained almost unknown outside his native Denmark.
A. Hans Christian Andersen wrote fairy tales, which have been some of the most frequently translated works in literary history, while he wrote plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies, which remained
B. Hans Christian Andersen wrote fairy tales, which, while among the most frequently translated works in literary history, his plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies remain
C. Even as Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales have been among the most frequently
translated works in literary history, still his plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies, remain
D. Unlike the fairy tales written by Hans Christian Andersen, which are some of the most frequently translated works in literary history, he wrote plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies, which remained
E. Although Hans Christian Andersen wrote fairy tales that are among the most frequently translated works in literary history, his plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies, remain

Question 46

Although the turtle has been toothless for more than 150 million years, in some contemporary turtle species the moderately sharp and jagged edges of their horny jaws function for teeth.
A. their horny jaws function for teeth
B. its horny jaws function for teeth
C. its horny jaws function as do teeth
D. the horny jaws function as teeth do
E. the horny jaws function as teeth

Question 47

Many environmentalists, and some economists, say that free trade encourages industry to relocate to countries with ineffective or poorly enforced antipollution laws, mostly in the developing world, and that, in order to maintain competitiveness, rich nations have joined this downward slide toward more lax attitudes about pollution.
A. that, in order to maintain competitiveness, rich nations have joined this downward slide toward more lax attitudes about pollution
B. that, for maintaining competitiveness, rich nations join in this downward slide toward more lax attitudes about pollution
C. that rich nations join this downward slide toward more lax attitudes about pollution because of wanting to maintain competitiveness
D. that in rich nations, joining this downward slide toward more lax attitudes about pollution is a result of wanting to maintain competition
E. that wanting to maintain competition is making rich nations join in this downward slide toward an attitude about pollution that is more lax

Question 48
The continental United States receives an average of 30 inches of precipitation a year; transpiration from soil and from plants returns approximately 21 of the 30 inches to the atmosphere, while the balance of 9 inches contributes to the flow of streams and rivers.

A. transpiration from soil and from plants returns approximately 21 of the 30 inches to the atmosphere, while the balance of 9 inches contributes to the flow
B. even though transpiration from soil and from plants returns approximately 21 of the 30 inches to the atmosphere, the remainder of 9 inches contribute to the flowing
C. although transpiration from soil and from plants return approximately 21 of the 30 inches to the atmosphere, the balance of 9 inches contribute to the flowing
D. with transpiration from soil and from plants to return approximately 21 inches to the atmosphere, the rest of the 9 inches contributes to the flow
E. as transpiration from soil and from plants return approximately 21 of the 30 inches to the atmosphere, the rest of the 9 inches contribute to the flow

Question 49

Research has shown that when speaking, individuals who have been blind from birth and have thus never seen anyone gesture nonetheless make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way as sighted people do, and that they will gesture even when conversing with another blind person.

A. have thus never seen anyone gesture nonetheless make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way as sighted people do, and that
B. have thus never seen anyone gesture but nonetheless make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way that sighted people do, and
C. have thus never seen anyone gesture, that they nonetheless make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way as sighted people do, and
D. thus they have never seen anyone gesture, but nonetheless they make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way that sighted people do, and that
E. thus they have never seen anyone gesture nonetheless make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way that sighted people do, and

Question 50

Although the restaurant company has recently added many new restaurants across the country and its sales have increased dramatically, its sales at restaurants open for more than a year have declined.

A. the restaurant company has recently added many new restaurants across the country and its sales have increased dramatically, its
B. the restaurant company has recently added many new restaurants across the

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country and its sales increased dramatically, its
C. many new restaurants have recently been opened across the country and its sales
increased dramatically, the restaurant company’s
D. having recently added many new restaurants across the country and with its sales
increasing dramatically, the restaurant company’s
E. recently adding many new restaurants across the country and having its sales
increase dramatically, the restaurant company’s

Question 51
In an effort to reduce the number of fires started by cigarettes, a major tobacco
company is test-marketing a cigarette in which thin layers of extra paper are used to
decrease the amount of oxygen entering the cigarette, thereby slowing the rate at
which it burns and lowering the heat it generates.
A. in which thin layers of extra paper are used to decrease the amount of oxygen
entering the cigarette, thereby slowing
B. in which they use thin layers of extra paper in decreasing the amount of oxygen
entering the cigarette, which slows
C. that uses thin layers of extra paper to decrease the amount of oxygen when it
enters the cigarette, thereby slowing
D. for which thin layers of extra paper are used to decrease the amount of oxygen that
enters the cigarette, and thereby slowing
E. using thin layers of extra paper in decreasing the amount of oxygen entering the
cigarette, which slows

Question 52
Socially and environmentally responsible investing is on the rise: last year in the
United States, over $2 trillion was invested in funds that screen companies according
to a variety of criteria such as adherence to labor standards, protection of the
environment, and observance of human rights.
A. according to a variety of criteria such as
B. according to a variety of such criteria, as by
C. according to such a variety of criteria as by
D. in accordance with such a variety of criteria as
E. in accordance with a variety of criteria, such as by

Question 53
Turning away from literary realism to write romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, in 1909 Selma Lagerlöf was the novelist who became the first woman and was also the first Swedish writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.

A. Turning away from literary realism to write romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, in 1909 Selma Lagerlöf was the novelist who became the first woman and was also the first Swedish writer to win

B. She turned away from literary realism and wrote romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, and novelist Selma Lagerlöf in 1909 became the first woman as well as the first Swedish writer that won

C. Selma Lagerlöf was a novelist who turned away from literary realism to write romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, and in 1909 she became the first woman in addition to the first Swedish writer winning

D. A novelist who turned away from literary realism to write romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, Selma Lagerlöf became in 1909 the first woman and also the first Swedish writer to win

E. As a novelist, Selma Lagerlöf turned away from literary realism and wrote romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, in 1909 becoming the first woman and also the first Swedish writer that won

Question 54

Although women’s wages are improving, Department of Labor statistics show that the ratio of their earnings with that of men have been roughly static since 1960.

A. with that of men have been
B. to that of men are
C. to those of men have been
D. with those of men is
E. to those of men has been

Question 55

Section 301 of the 1988 Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act enables the United States Trade Representative to single out a country as an unfair trader, begin trade negotiations with that country, and, if the negotiations do not conclude by the United States government’s being satisfied, to impose sanctions.

A. by the United States government’s being satisfied, to impose
B. by the United States government’s satisfaction, impose
C. with the United States government’s being satisfied, imposing
D. to the United States government’s satisfaction, impose  
E. to the United States government’s satisfaction, imposing

**Question 56**

As a result of a supernova explosion, every human being on Earth was bombarded on February 23, 1987, by about 100 billion neutrinos; fortunately, neutrinos are harmless elementary particles that are produced in nuclear reactions and that interact very weakly with matter. 

A. neutrinos are harmless elementary particles that are produced in nuclear reactions and that 
B. neutrinos, which are harmless, are elementary particles produced in nuclear reactions and which 
C. neutrinos are harmless elementary particles produced in nuclear reactions and which 
D. these harmless elementary particles are produced in nuclear reactions, and neutrinos 
E. these elementary particles, harmless products of nuclear reactions, are neutrinos that

**Question 57**

Such orb-weaving spiders like the argiope build webs in an essentially wheel-like structure, with an outer rim and a number of spokes emanating from the hub. 

A. Such orb-weaving spiders like the argiope build webs in an essentially wheel-like structure 
B. Such orb-weaving spiders as the argiope builds webs with what is essentially a wheel-like structure 
C. The argiope spider, in the same way as other orb-weaving spiders, build webs in a structure that is essentially wheel-like 
D. Orb-weaving spiders such as the argiope build webs that are essentially wheel-like 
E. Like other orb-weaving spiders do, the argiope builds webs as essentially wheel-like

**Question 58**

Building on civilizations that preceded them in coastal Peru, the Mochica developed their own elaborate society, based on cultivating such crops like corn and beans, the harvesting of fish and shellfish, and exploiting other wild and domestic resources.
A. based on cultivating such crops like corn and beans, the harvesting of fish and shellfish, and exploiting
B. based on the cultivation of such crops as corn and beans, the harvesting of fish and seafood, and the exploitation of
C. and basing it on the cultivation of crops like corn and beans, harvesting fish and seafood, and the exploiting of
D. and they based it on their cultivation of crops such as corn and beans, the harvest of fish and seafood, and exploiting
E. and they based it on their cultivating such crops like corn and beans, their harvest of fish and shellfish, and they exploited

Question 59

The Quechuans believed that all things participated in both the material level and the mystical level of reality, and many individual Quechuans claimed to have contact with it directly with an ichana (dream) experience.
A. contact with it directly with
B. direct contact with it by way of
C. contact with the last directly through
D. direct contact with the latter by means of
E. contact directly with the mystical level due to

Question 60

Floating in the waters of the equatorial Pacific, an array of buoys collects and transmits data on long-term interactions between the ocean and the atmosphere, interactions that affect global climate.
A. atmosphere, interactions that affect
B. atmosphere, with interactions affecting
C. atmosphere that affects
D. atmosphere that is affecting
E. atmosphere as affects

Question 61

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) had long been expected to announce a reduction in output to bolster sagging oil prices, but officials of the organization just recently announced that the group will pare daily production by 1.5
million barrels by the beginning of next year, but only if non-OPEC nations, including Norway, Mexico, and Russia, were to trim output by a total of 500,000 barrels a day.

A. year, but only if non-OPEC nations, including Norway, Mexico, and Russia, were to trim output
B. year, but only if the output of non-OPEC nations, which includes Norway, Mexico, and Russia, is trimmed
C. year only if the output of non-OPEC nations, including Norway, Mexico, and Russia, would be trimmed
D. year only if non-OPEC nations, which includes Norway, Mexico, and Russia, were trimming output
E. year only if non-OPEC nations, including Norway, Mexico, and Russia, trim output

Question 62

Unlike the many winter greens that have tough leaves and thus require a lengthy cooking time, those of escarole need little or no cooking.

A. many winter greens that have tough leaves and thus require a lengthy cooking time, those of escarole need
B. many winter greens that have tough leaves and thus require a lengthy cooking time, escarole needs
C. tough leaves of many winter greens and that they require for a lengthy cooking time, escarole needs
D. tough leaves of many winter greens and the requirement that they have a lengthy cooking time, those of escarole need
E. lengthy cooking time required by the many winter greens with tough leaves, escarole needs

Question 63

According to United States census data, while there was about one-third of mothers with young children working outside the home in 1975, in 2000, almost two-thirds of those mothers were employed outside the home.

A. while there was about one-third of mothers with young children working outside the home in 1975, in 2000, almost two-thirds of those mothers were employed outside the home.
B. there were about one-third of mothers with young children who worked outside the home in 1975; in 2000, almost two-thirds of those mothers were employed outside the home.
C. in 1975 about one-third of mothers with young children worked outside the home; in 2000, almost two-thirds of such mothers were employed outside the home.
D. even though in 1975 there were about one-third of mothers with young children who worked outside the home, almost two-thirds of such mothers were employed outside the home in 2000
E. with about one-third of mothers with young children working outside the home in 1975, almost two-thirds of such mothers were employed outside the home in 2000

**Question 64**

In the past several years, astronomers have detected more than 80 massive planets, most of them as large or larger than Jupiter, which circle other stars.

A. most of them as large or larger than Jupiter, which circle
B. most of them as large or larger than Jupiter and circling
C. most of them at least as large as Jupiter, circling
D. mostly at least as large as Jupiter, which circle
E. mostly as large or larger than Jupiter, circling

**Question 65**

Shipwrecks are more likely to be found undisturbed at great depths than in shallow coastal waters, which exposes archaeological remains to turbulence and makes them accessible to anyone in scuba gear, whether they be archaeologist, treasure hunter, or sport diver.

A. than in shallow coastal waters, which exposes archaeological remains to turbulence and makes them accessible to anyone in scuba gear, whether they be
B. than in shallow coastal waters, where archaeological remains are exposed to turbulence and are accessible to anyone in scuba gear, whether
C. as opposed to shallow waters along the coast, where archaeological remains are exposed to turbulence and accessible to anyone in scuba gear, including
D. instead of in shallow waters along the coast, which exposes archaeological remains to turbulence and making them accessible to anyone in scuba gear, including an
E. instead of shallow coastal waters, because it exposes archaeological remains to turbulence and make them accessible to anyone in scuba gear, whether

**Question 66**

Complex human traits such as artistic talent or social skill are likely to be shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of the 80,000 or so genes in the human genome.

A. such as artistic talent or social skill are likely to be shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of the 80,000 or so
B. such as artistic talent or social skill are likely shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of 80,000 or so of the
C. such as artistic talent or social skill is likely to be shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of 80,000 or so of the
D. like artistic talent or social skill is likely to be shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of the 80,000 or so
E. like artistic talent or social skill are likely shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of the 80,000 or so

Question 67

Although ice particles in the upper atmosphere benefit Earth in that they reflect and absorb solar radiation, acting as a global thermostat and thus keeping Earth from either burning up or freezing over, they also accelerate the destruction of the ozone layer by reacting with chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's).
A. acting as a global thermostat and thus keeping Earth from either burning up or freezing over, they also accelerate
B. acting as a global thermostat and thus keeping Earth either from burning up or freezing over, while also accelerating
C. act as a global thermostat and thus keep Earth from either burning up or freezing over, while also accelerating
D. they act as a global thermostat that thus keeps Earth either from burning up or freezing over, even though it also accelerates
E. they act as a global thermostat to thus keep Earth from either burning up or freezing over, but they also accelerate

Question 68

A study published in the British Medical Journal showed that women who ate nuts more than five times a week were about one third less likely to suffer from coronary heart disease as those who ate no nuts at all.
A. as those who ate
B. as women who ate
C. as those eating
D. than women eating
E. than were those who ate

Question 69
Galileo did not invent the telescope, but on hearing, in 1609, that such an optical instrument had been made, he quickly built his own device from an organ pipe and spectacle lenses.

A. Galileo did not invent the telescope, but on hearing, in 1609, that such an optical instrument had been made, he
B. Galileo had not invented the telescope, but when he heard, in 1609, of such an optical instrument having been made,
C. Galileo, even though he had not invented the telescope, on hearing, in 1609, that such an optical instrument had been made, he
D. Even though Galileo did not invent the telescope, on hearing, in 1609, that such an optical instrument had been made,
E. Even though Galileo did not invent the telescope, but when he heard, 1609, of such an optical instrument being made, he

Question 70

Unlike the short flights of the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, which carried sufficient power in fuel cells and batteries, a permanently orbiting space station will have to generate its own electricity.

A. the short flights of the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, which carried sufficient power in fuel cells and batteries
B. the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, with sufficient enough power in fuel cells and batteries for their short flights
C. the short flights of the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, which enabled them to carry sufficient enough power in fuel cells and batteries
D. the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, which were capable of carrying sufficient power in fuel cells and batteries for their short flights
E. the flights of the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, whose shortness allowed them to carry sufficient power in fuel cells and batteries

Question 71

The striking differences between the semantic organization of Native American languages and that of European languages, in both grammar and vocabulary, have led scholars to think about the degree to which differences in language may be correlated with nonlinguistic differences.

A. that of European languages, in both grammar and vocabulary, have
B. that of European languages, including grammar and vocabulary, has
C. those of European languages, which include grammar and vocabulary, have
D. those of European languages, in grammar as well as vocabulary, has
E. those of European languages, both in grammar and vocabulary, has

Question 72

Faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places have been cited by a new study of the 2000 United States Presidential election, which estimated that they did not count 4 million to 6 million of the 100 million votes cast.
A. Faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places have been cited by a new study of the 2000 United Stated presidential election, which estimated that they did not count 4 million to 6 million of the 100 million votes cast.
B. Citing faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places, a new study of the 2000 United States presidential election has estimated that 4 million to 6 million of the 100 million votes cast were not counted.
C. Citing faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places, 4 million to 6 million of the 100 million votes cast were not counted in the 2000 United States presidential election, a new study estimates.
D. A new study has cited faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places in estimating that 4 million to 6 million of the 100 million votes that were cast had not been counted in the 2000 United States presidential election.
E. A new study of the 2000 United States presidential election, citing faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places, has estimated 4 million to 6 million votes had not been counted of the 100 million votes cast.

Question 73

To develop more accurate population forecasts, demographers have to know a great deal more than now about the social and economic determinants of fertility.
A. have to know a great deal more than now about the social and economic
B. have to know a great deal more than they do now about the social and economical
C. would have to know a great deal more than they do now about the social and economical
D. would have to know a great deal more than they do now about the social and economic
E. would have to know a great deal more than now about the social and economic
Question 74

Clouds are formed from the evaporation of the oceans’ water that is warmed by the Sun and rises high into the atmosphere, condensing in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust.

A. Clouds are formed from the evaporation of the oceans’ water that is warmed by the Sun and rises high into the atmosphere, condensing in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust.
B. Clouds form by the Sun’s warmth evaporating the water in the oceans, which rises high into the atmosphere, condensing in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust.
C. Warmed by the Sun, ocean water evaporates, rises high into the atmosphere, and condenses in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust to form clouds.
D. The water in the oceans evaporates, warmed by the Sun, rises high into the atmosphere, and condenses in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust, which forms clouds.
E. Ocean water, warmed by the Sun, evaporates and rises high into the atmosphere, which then condenses in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust to form as clouds.

Question 75

Because of a similarity to dance, synchronized swimming—exhibition swimming in which the movements of one or more swimmers synchronize to a musical accompaniment—is sometimes called water ballet, especially in theatrical situations.

A. of one or more swimmers synchronize to
B. of one swimmer or more is synchronized with
C. of one or more swimmers are synchronized with
D. by one swimmer or more is synchronized to
E. by one or more swimmers synchronize to

Question 76

Because of wireless service costs plummeting in the last year, and as mobile phones are increasingly common, many people now using their mobile phones to make calls across a wide region at night and on weekends, when numerous wireless companies provide unlimited airtime for a relatively small monthly fee.

A. Because of wireless service costs plummeting in the last year, and as mobile phones are increasingly common, many people
B. As the cost of wireless service plummeted in the last year and as mobile phones became increasingly common, many people
C. In the last year, with the cost of wireless service plummeting, and mobile phones
have become increasingly common, there are many people
D. With the cost of wireless service plummeting in the last year and mobile phones
becoming increasingly common, many people are
E. While the cost of wireless service has plummeted in the last year and mobile
phones are increasingly common, many people are

**Question 77**

A new study suggests that the conversational pace of everyday life may be so brisk it
hampers the ability of some children for distinguishing discrete sounds and words
and, the result is, to make sense of speech.
A. it hampers the ability of some children for distinguishing discrete sounds and words and, the result is, to make
B. that it hampers the ability of some children to distinguish discrete sounds and words and, as a result, to make
C. that it hampers the ability of some children to distinguish discrete sounds and words and, the result of this, they are unable to make
D. that it hampers the ability of some children to distinguish discrete sounds and words, and results in not making
E. as to hamper the ability of some children for distinguishing discrete sounds and words, resulting in being unable to make

**Question 78**

Scientists claim that the discovery of the first authenticated mammal bones in amber
could provide important clues of determining, in addition to how, when mammals
colonized the islands of the West Indies.
A. of determining, in addition to how, when mammals colonized the islands of the West Indies
B. in the determination of how and when the islands of the West Indies were colonized by mammals
C. to determine how mammals colonized the islands of the West Indies and when they did
D. for determining when the islands of the West Indies were colonized by mammals and how they were
E. for determining how and when mammals colonized the islands of the West Indies

**Question 79**
In 1850 Lucretia Mott published her Discourse on Women, **arguing in a treatise for women to have equal political and legal rights** and for changes in the married women’s property laws.

A. arguing in a treatise for women to have equal political and legal rights  
B. arguing in a treatise for equal political and legal rights for women  
C. a treatise that advocates women’s equal political and legal rights  
D. a treatise advocating women’s equal political and legal rights  
E. a treatise that argued for equal political and legal rights for women

**Question 80**

In the early part of the twentieth century, many vacationers found that driving automobiles and sleeping in tents allowed them to enjoy nature close at hand and tour at their own pace, **with none of the restrictions of passenger trains and railroad timetables or with the formalities, expenses, and impersonality of hotels.**

A. with none of the restrictions of passenger trains and railroad timetables or with the  
B. with none of the restrictions of passenger trains, railroad timetables, nor  
C. without the restrictions of passenger trains and railroad timetables nor  
D. without the restrictions of passenger trains and railroad timetables or with the  
E. without the restrictions of passenger trains and railroad timetables or the

**Question 81**

The human nervous system and a telephone system superficially resemble each other, **not only because the former carries information in the form of electrical impulses and because all of its neural pathways converge in the brain and spinal cord, which together form a kind of central exchange.**

A. The human nervous system and a telephone system superficially resemble each other, not only because the former carries  
B. The human nervous system and a telephone system bear a superficial resemblance because they both carry  
C. The human nervous system bears a superficial resemblance to a telephone system both because the former carries  
D. Superficially, a telephone system resembles the human nervous system both because they carry  
E. There is a superficial resemblance between a telephone system and the human nervous system, not only because they both carry

**Question 82**
Scientists have found new evidence of people initially registering emotions like sadness or anger in much the same way as heartburn--by monitoring what is going on within their bodies.

A. of people initially registering emotions like sadness or anger in much the same way as
B. of people initially registering emotions such as sadness or anger much the same as experiencing
C. that people initially register emotions such as sadness or anger in much the same way as they experience
D. that a person initially registers emotions such as sadness or anger much the same way as experiencing
E. that a person initially registers emotions like sadness or anger much the same as

**Question 83**

The ancient Anasazi harvested such native desert vegetation as the purple-flowered bee plant, what they now commonly call wild spinach in northern Arizona and other parts of the southwestern United States.

A. what they now commonly call
B. a plant that they now commonly call
C. now commonly called
D. and is now commonly called
E. which it is now commonly called

**Question 84**

The first commercially successful drama to depict Black family life sympathetically and the first play by a Black woman to be produced on Broadway, it was Lorraine Hansberry’s A Raisin in the Sun that won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award in 1959, and was later made into both a film and a musical.

A. it was Lorraine Hansberry’s A Raisin in the Sun that won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award in 1959, and was later made
B. in 1959 A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansberry, won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award and was later made
C. Lorraine Hansberry won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award for A Raisin in the Sun in 1959, and it was later made
D. Lorraine Hansberry’s A Raisin in the Sun won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award in 1959 and was later made
E. A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansberry, won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award in 1959, and later made it
**Question 85**

Elk now live almost solely in the Rocky Mountains, which would make it seem that elk are mountain dwellers, while they once ranged over virtually all of the continental United States except for a small strip in the extreme Southwest.

A. Elk now live almost solely in the Rocky Mountains, which would make it seem that elk are mountain dwellers, while
B. The fact that elk now live almost solely in the Rocky Mountains would make it seem that they are mountain dwellers, but
C. It would seem that elk would be mountain dwellers because of their living now solely almost in the Rocky Mountains, but still
D. Now living almost solely in the Rocky Mountains, it would seem that elk were mountain dwellers, although
E. It seems that elk would be mountain dwellers from the fact that they now live solely almost in the Rocky Mountains, since

**Question 86**

The list of animals that exhibits a preference of either using the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded to include the lower vertebrates.

A. exhibits a preference of either using the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded to include
B. exhibits the preference to use either the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded and includes
C. exhibit a preference in either using the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded to include
D. exhibit a preference for using either the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded to include
E. exhibit the preference as to either using the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded and includes

**Question 87**

Dressed as a man and using the name Robert Shurtleff, Deborah Sampson, the first woman to draw a soldier’s pension, joined the Continental Army in 1782 at the age of 22, was injured three times, and was discharged in 1783 because she had become too ill to serve.

A. 22, was injured three times, and was discharged in 1783 because she had become
B. 22, was injured three times, while being discharged in 1783 because she had
become
C. 22, and was injured three times, and discharged in 1783, being
D. 22, injured three times, and was discharged in 1783 because she was
E. 22, having been injured three times and discharged in 1783, being

Question 88
The nineteenth-century chemist Humphry Davy presented the results of his early experiments in his “Essay on Heat and Light,” a critique of all chemistry since Robert Boyle as well as a vision of a new chemistry that Davy hoped to found.
A. a critique of all chemistry since Robert Boyle as well as a vision of a
B. a critique of all chemistry following Robert Boyle and also his envisioning of a
C. a critique of all chemistry after Robert Boyle and envisioning as well
D. critiquing all chemistry from Robert Boyle forward and also a vision of
E. critiquing all the chemistry done since Robert Boyle as well as his own envisioning of

Question 89
The first English settlers to establish a permanent colony in America did it not at Plymouth but along the shore of the James River west of Chesapeake Bay.
A. it not at Plymouth but
B. so not at Plymouth but
C. not at Plymouth but instead
D. not at Plymouth but did so
E. it not at Plymouth but rather

Question 90
A scrub jay can remember when it cached a particular piece of food in a particular place, researchers have discovered, and tend not to bother to recover a perishable treat if stored long enough to have rotted.
A. tend not to bother to recover a perishable treat if
B. they tend not to bother recovering a perishable treat
C. tending not to bother to recover a perishable treat it
D. tends not to bother recovering a perishable treat
E. tends not bothering to recover a perishable treat it
Question 91

The normative model of strategic decision-making suggests that executives examine a firm’s external environment and internal conditions, and in using the set of objective criteria they derive from these analyses, can decide on a strategy.

A. conditions, and in using the set of objective criteria they derive from these analyses, can decide
B. conditions, and they use the set of objective criteria derived from these analyses in deciding
C. conditions and, in using the set of objective criteria derived from these analyses, deciding
D. conditions and, using the set of objective criteria derived from these analyses, decide
E. conditions and, in their use of the set of objective criteria they derive from these analyses, they decide

Question 92

Over the next few years, increasing demands on the Chattahoochee River, which flows into the Apalachicola River, could alter the saline content of Apalachicola Bay, which would rob the oysters there of their flavor, and to make them decrease in size, less distinctive, and less in demand.

A. which would rob the oysters there of their flavor, and to make them decrease in size
B. and it would rob the oysters there of their flavor, make them smaller
C. and rob the oysters there of their flavor, making them decrease in size
D. robbing the oysters there of their flavor and making them smaller
E. robbing the oysters there of their flavor, and making them decrease in size

Question 93

In his experiments with gravity, Isaac Newton showed how the motion of each planet in the solar system results from the combined gravitational pull of the Sun and of all the other planets, each contributing according to their mass and distance from the others.

A. of all the other planets, each contributing according to their
B. of all the other planets, with each of them contributing according to their
C. all the other planets, each of which contributing according to its
D. all the other planets, each contributing according to its
E. all the other planets, each of which contribute according to their
Question 94

Biologists working in Spain say that their discovery of teeming life in a highly acidic river may not only broaden the search for life, or for evidence of past life, on other planets but also show that a number of forms of microscopic life can adapt to conditions that scientists have long thought hostile to all but the hardiest bacteria.

A. show that a number of forms of microscopic life can adapt to conditions that scientists have long thought hostile to all but the hardiest bacteria
B. may show that a number of forms of microscopic life is capable of adapting to conditions that scientists have long thought hostile to all bacteria but the hardiest ones
C. shows a number of forms of microscopic life to be capable to adapt to conditions that scientists have long thought had been hostile to all but the hardiest bacteria
D. showing that a number of forms of microscopic life is capable of adapting to conditions that scientists have long thought had been hostile to all but the hardiest bacteria
E. showing that a number of forms of microscopic life can adapt to conditions that scientists have long thought hostile to all bacteria but the hardiest

Question 95

Caribou are wary animals with excellent hearing, so stalking them over the treeless landscape, getting close enough to kill it with nothing but a handheld lance, as Dorset people did, required exceptional hunting skill.

A. so stalking them over the treeless landscape, getting close enough to kill it
B. so to stalk them over the treeless landscape and get close enough to kill one
C. so in order to stalk them over the treeless landscape and get close enough to kill one
D. and so in order to stalk it over the treeless landscape, getting close enough to kill it
E. and so stalking them over the treeless landscape and getting close enough in order to kill it

Question 96

An international team of astronomers working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain has detected at least 18 huge gas spheres estimated to have 5 to 15 times the mass of Jupiter, the solar system's largest planet.
A. astronomers working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain has detected at least 18 huge gas spheres estimated to have 5 to 15 times the mass of Jupiter
B. astronomers working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain has detected at least 18 huge gas spheres estimated to be 5 to 15 times Jupiter's mass
C. astronomers is working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain, having detected at least 18 huge gas spheres that are estimated at 5 to 15 times the mass of Jupiter
D. astronomers, working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain, and has detected at least 18 huge gas spheres estimated at 5 to 15 times the mass of Jupiter
E. astronomers, working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain, has detected at least 18 huge gas spheres they have estimated to be 5 to 15 times Jupiter's mass

Question 97

Women are expected to be the majority of student entering law school this fall, a trend ultimately placing more women in leadership position in politics and business.
A. Women are expected to be the majority of student entering law school this fall, a trend ultimately placing
B. The majority of students entering law school this fall are expected to be women, a trend that will ultimately place
C. The majority of students entering law school this fall are expected to be women, which will ultimately place
D. It is expected that the majority of students entering law school this fall will be women, a trend ultimately placing
E. It is expected for the women to be the majority of students entering law school this fall, which will ultimately place

Question 98

The United States will be affected by whether Taiwan develops a closer relationship with mainland China or preserves the status quo, since the island nation is the United States’ seventh-largest trading partner.
A. The United States will be affected by whether Taiwan develops a closer relationship with mainland China or preserves the status quo
B. Whether or not Taiwan develops a closer relationship with mainland China or preserves the status quo affecting the United States
C. Whether or not Taiwan develops a closer relationship with mainland China or the status quo is preserved, it will affect the United States
D. It affects the United States whether Taiwan will develop a closer relationship with mainland China or preserves the status quo
E. It affects the United States whether or not Taiwan will develop a closer relationship with mainland China or preserve the status quo

**Question 99**

Born into poverty and sent by her father into servitude at the age of seven, Martha Matilda Harper created America's first retail franchise network, a radical new business model that enabled women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to own their own businesses and gain financial independence.

A. Martha Matilda Harper created America's first retail franchise network, a radical new business model that enabled women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to own

B. Martha Matilda Harper created America's first retail franchise network, a radical new business model that enabled ownership by women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries of

C. Martha Matilda Harper's creation of America's first retail franchise network was a radical new business model that enabled women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to own

D. America's first retail franchise network was created by Martha Matilda Harper, a radical new business model that enabled women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to own

E. America's first retail franchise network was created by Martha Matilda Harper, a radical new business model that enabled ownership by women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries of

**Question 100**

Many population studies have linked a high-salt diet to high rates of hypertension and shown that in societies where they consume little salt, their blood pressure typically does not rise with age.

A. shown that in societies where they consume little salt, their

B. shown that in societies that have consumed little salt, their

C. shown that in societies where little salt is consumed,

D. they showed that in societies where little salt is consumed,

E. they showed that in societies where they consume little salt, their

**Question 101**

Experts estimate that ten times as much petroleum exists in sources like tar sands, heavy oil, and
perhaps even in shale than in conventional reservoirs.
A. sources like tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even in shale than
B. sources like tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even in shale than are
C. such sources as tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even in shale as are
D. such sources as tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even shale as
E. such sources as tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even shale than

Question 102

Since February, the Federal Reserve has raised its short-term interest rate target five times, and because of the economy's continued strength, analysts have been predicting for weeks that the target will be raised again in November.
A. because of the economy's continued strength, analysts have been predicting for weeks that the target will
B. with the economy's strength continuing, analysts predicted for weeks that the target
C. because the economy continues strong, analysts predicted for weeks that the target would
D. due to the economy's continued strength, analysts have been predicting for weeks that the target
E. due to the fact of the economy's continued strength, analysts predicted for weeks that the target will

Question 103

When drafting the Declaration of Sentiments that was adopted at the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention in 1848, included in it by the author, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was a call for female enfranchisement.
A. When drafting the Declaration of Sentiments that was adopted at the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention in 1848, included in it by the author, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was a call for female enfranchisement.
B. Including a call for female enfranchisement, a draft of the Declaration of Sentiments was adopted at the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention in 1848 that Elizabeth Cady Stanton wrote.
C. When the Declaration of Sentiments drafted by Elizabeth Cady Stanton was adopted at the Seneca Falls Women's Convention in 1848, a call for female enfranchisement had been included in it.
D. A call for female enfranchisement, included in Elizabeth Cady Stanton's draft of the Declaration of Sentiments in 1848, that was adopted by the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention.
E. When Elizabeth Cady Stanton drafted the Declaration of Sentiments that was adopted at the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention in 1848, she included in it a call for female enfranchisement.

**Question 104**

Rejecting the apprenticeship model of training social workers in philanthropic agencies, twentieth century reformer Edith Abbott was convinced of social work education belonging in the university so that students could be offered a broad range of courses dealing with social issues.
A. of social work education belonging in the university so that
B. that social work education should be in the university, and that
C. about the importance of social work education belonging in the university while
D. that social work education belonged in the university, where
E. of the necessity of social work education being in the university and

**Question 105**

Past assessments of the Brazilian rain forest have used satellite images to tally deforested areas, where farmers and ranchers have clear-cut and burned all the trees, but such work has not addressed either logging, which is the removal of only selected trees, as well as surface fires, burning down individual trees but do not denude the forest.
A. which is the removal of only selected trees, as well as surface fires, burning
B. which removes only selected trees, or surface fires that burn
C. which removes only selected trees, along with surface fires that burn
D. removing only selected trees, or surface fires, burning
E. removing only selected trees, as well as surface fires that burn

**Question 106**

Seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, but it ran 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, the Erie Canal connected the Hudson River at Albany to the Great Lakes at Buffalo, providing the port of New York City with a direct water link to the heartland of the North American continent.
A. Seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, but it ran 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, the Erie Canal connected
B. Seldom more than 40 feet wide or 12 feet deep but running 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, the Erie Canal connected
C. It was seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, and ran 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, but the Erie Canal, connecting
D. The Erie Canal was seldom more than 40 feet wide or 12 feet deep and it ran 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, which connected
E. The Erie Canal, seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, but running 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, connecting

**Question 107**

According to a recent study of consumer spending on prescription medications, increases in the sales of the 50 drugs that were advertised most heavily accounts for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year, the remainder of which came from sales of the 9,850 prescription medicines that companies did not advertise or advertised very little.
A. heavily accounts for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year, the remainder of which came
B. heavily were what accounted for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year; the remainder of the increase coming
C. heavily accounted for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year, the remainder of the increase coming
D. heavily, accounting for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year, while the remainder of the increase came
E. heavily, which accounted for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year, with the remainder of it coming

**Question 108**

Sulfur dioxide, a major contributor to acid rain, is an especially serious pollutant because it diminishes the respiratory system’s ability to deal with all other pollutants.
A. an especially serious pollutant because it diminishes the respiratory system’s ability to deal
B. an especially serious pollutant because of diminishing the respiratory system’s capability of dealing
C. an especially serious pollutant because it diminishes the capability of the respiratory system in dealing
D. a specially serious pollutant because it diminishes the capability of the respiratory system to deal
E. a specially serious pollutant because of diminishing the respiratory system’s ability to deal
**Question 109**

Regardless of their form or function, all aerodynamically enhanced, curved objects made for throwing have been called boomerangs by non-Australians even since 1788, when Europeans saw Dharug-peaking men tossing “bumariny” in the area later known as Sydney.

A. Regardless of their form or function, all aerodynamically enhanced, curved objects made for throwing have been called boomerangs by non-Australians even since 1788,
B. Regardless of their form or function, any aerodynamically enhanced, curved object made for throwing has been called a boomerang by non-Australians even since 1788,
C. Ever since 1788, non-Australians have called all aerodynamically enhanced, curved objects made for throwing boomerangs, regardless of their form or function, from
D. Ever since 1788, any aerodynamically enhanced, curved object made for throwing has been called a boomerang by non-Australians, regardless of its form or function, from
E. Non-Australians have called all aerodynamically enhanced, curved objects made for throwing boomerang ever since 1788, regardless of their form or function, from

**Question 110**

Tom Bradley was mayor of Los Angeles from 1973 to 1993, an era when the city had transformed from a collection of suburban neighborhoods to the second-largest city in the United States.

A. an era when the city had transformed
B. an era during which the city was transformed
C. an era that transformed it
D. during which era the city transformed
E. during which the city was transformed

**Question 111**

Nobody knows exactly how many languages there are in the world, partly because of the difficulty of distinguishing between a language and the sub-languages or dialects within it, but those who have tried to count typically have found about five thousand.

A. and the sub-languages or dialects within it, but those who have tried to count typically have found
B. and the sub-languages or dialects within them, with those who have tried counting typically finding
C. and the sub-languages or dialects within it, but those who have tried counting it
typically find
D. or the sub-languages or dialects within them, but those who tried to count them typically found
E. or the sub-languages or dialects within them, with those who have tried to count typically finding

Question 112
Discussion of greenhouse effects has usually focused on whether the Earth would warm and by how much, but climatologists have indicated all along that the most obvious effects, and those that would have the largest impact on people, would be extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess.
A. the most obvious effects, and those that would have the largest impact on people, would be extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess
B. the effects that are the most obvious ones, extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess, would be those impacting the most on people
C. those effects to have the largest impact on people, extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess, are what are the most obvious effects
D. extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess, the most obvious effects, that they would have the largest impact on people
E. extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess, which are the most obvious effects, are those to impact the most on people

Question 113
Most states impose limitations on the authority of the legislature to borrow money, with their objectives being to protect taxpayers and the credit of the state government.
A. to borrow money, with their objectives being to protect
B. to borrow money, the objectives of which are the protecting of
C. to borrow money, limitations intended to protect
D. for borrowing money, of which the objective is protecting
E. for borrowing money, limitations with the intent of protecting

Question 114
The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft will orbit the asteroid Eros for a year, slowly moving closer to the surface of the object to make ever more precise measurements that scientists hope will enable them to understand how the solar
A system formed some four billion years ago.

Question 115
In addition to being China’s first administrators, in the sense that they developed a coherent bureaucracy for their empire, the first literate culture in East Asia were the Shang, and they were well known for crafting ornate bronze ritual vessels.

A. the first literate culture in East Asia were the Shang, and they were well known for crafting ornate bronze ritual vessels.  
B. the first literate culture in East Asia were the Shang, well known as the crafters of ornate bronze ritual vessels.  
C. the Shang, as the first literate culture in East Asia, is well known for its crafting.  
D. the Shang were the first literate culture in East Asia and are well known as the crafters of ornate bronze ritual vessels.  
E. the Shang were the first literate culture in East Asia and well known for its crafted ornate bronze ritual vessels.

Question 116
In some species of cricket, the number of chirps per minute used by the male for attracting females rise and fall in accordance with the surrounding temperature, and they can in fact serve as an approximate thermometer.

A. for attracting females rise and fall in accordance with the surrounding temperature, and they can in fact serve  
B. for attracting females rises and falls in accordance with the surrounding temperature, which can in fact serve  
C. in attracting females rise and fall in accordance with the surrounding temperature, in fact possibly serving  
D. to attract females rises and falls in accordance with the surrounding temperature,
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**can in fact serve**

E. to attract females rises and falls in accordance with the surrounding temperature, in fact possibly serving
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During the same period in which the Maya were developing a hieroglyphic system of writing, the Aztec people also developed a written language, but it was not as highly sophisticated as that of the Maya and was more pictographic in nature.

A. but it was not as highly sophisticated as that of the Maya and was
B. but it was not as highly sophisticated as the Maya, being
C. but, not as highly sophisticated as the Maya's, was
D. not as highly sophisticated as that of the Maya, however, being
E. not as highly sophisticated as the Maya's however, it was

Option A - Correct Answer
Correct answer

Option B - Incorrect
Wrong comparison between language and Maya. "Being more pictographic in nature" modifies "it was not as highly sophisticated". This implies that "more pictographic" was the reason behind the language being not sophisticated. Not logical.

Option C - Incorrect
The subject of "but was more pictographic in nature" is "the Aztec people". Also, "not as highly sophisticated as the Maya's" modifies "the Aztec people".

Option D - Incorrect
"Being more pictographic ..." should have referred to the language of the Aztec people. Here it modifies "not as highly sophisticated as that of the Maya". Even this does not make sense as it implies "more pictographic" was the reason behind being not sophisticated.

Option E - Incorrect
This is a run on sentence.

**Question 2**

**OA - D**

One automobile manufacturer has announced plans to increase the average fuel efficiency of its sport utility vehicles by 25 percent over the next five years, amounting to roughly five miles per gallon, and representing the first significant change in the fuel efficiency of any class of passenger vehicle in almost two decades.

A. amounting to roughly five miles per gallon, and representing
B. amounting to roughly five miles per gallon, and it would represent
C. an increase that would amount to roughly five miles per gallon and it would represent
D. an increase that would amount to roughly five miles per gallon and would represent
E. which is an increase amounting to roughly five miles per gallon, representing

**Option A - Incorrect**

"Amounting and representing" refer to "one automobile manufacturer" - Illogical. "Amounting ..., and representing ..." - should not be separated by comma before "and".

**Option B - Incorrect**

"Amounting ..." refers to "one automobile manufacturer" - Illogical. The pronoun "it" does have a logical referent. It does not make sense to put "one automobile manufacturer has announced ..." and "it would represent the first significant change ..." because the latter is a description of "increase the average fuel efficiency by 25% over next 5 years".

**Option C - Incorrect**

"An increase + Modifier" is placed in parallel to a clause "and it would represent ..." - Incorrect

**Option D - Correct Answer**

Correct answer.
Option E - Incorrect
"25 percent over the next five years is an increase that amounts (amounting) to roughly 5 miles a gallon, representing the first significant advance ..." - this modifier does not make sense as it seems to describe HOW the increase amounts to 5 miles a gallon. Moreover, 25% does not represent a significant change. A 25% increase in fuel efficiency does.

Question 3
OA – C
The agreement, the first to formally require industrialized countries to cut emissions of gases linked to global warming, is a formal protocol by which 38 industrialized countries must reduce emissions of these gases by 2012 or face heavy penalties.
A. by which
B. for which
C. under which
D. such that
E. wherein

Option A - Incorrect
"By which" suggests a method. The protocol is not the method used to reduce pollutions

Option B - Incorrect
"For which" implies that countries will be reducing pollution for the sake of the protocol.

Option C - Correct Answer
Correct Answer. "Under which" implies how the protocol will govern/influence control of emissions.

Option D - Incorrect
Plain "such that" is considered incorrect on GMAT.

**Option E - Incorrect**
"Wherein" = "in which". This does not make a lot of sense here.

**Question 4**
**OA - A**

Three out of every four automobile owners in the United States also own a bicycle.
A. Three out of every four automobile owners in the United States also own a bicycle.
B. Out of every four, three automobile owners in the United States also owns a bicycle.
C. Bicycles are owned by three out of every four owners of automobiles in the United States.
D. In the United States, three out of every four automobile owners owns bicycles.
E. Out of every four owners of automobiles in the United States, bicycles are also owned by three.

**Option A - Correct Answer**
Correct answer.

**Option B - Incorrect**
SV agreement error – “three automobile owners” plural vs “owns” singular

**Option C - Incorrect**
Implies that bicycles are only owned by this group of people. "Three out of every four owners of automobiles in the US" -- here "in the US" modifies "automobiles". This suggests that the automobiles are in the US, but the owners need not necessarily be. They can be in other countries as well. Only requirement is that the person should own an automobile in the US. Distorts the meaning.

**Option D - Incorrect**
SV agreement error - three out of every four automobile owners (plural) vs owns (singular).

Option E - Incorrect
"Out of every four owners of automobiles in the United States" modifies "bicycles". Incorrect.

Question 5
OA - B
Using technology as new as space-age fabrics and as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, scientists and historians, in their attempt at cleaning and preserving the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814, are hoping that it will then last another 200 years.
A. and as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, scientists and historians, in their attempt at cleaning and preserving the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814, are hoping
B. and as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, scientists and historians are attempting to clean and preserve the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814, hoping
C. and as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, an attempt by scientists and historians to clean and preserve the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814 is being made in the hope
D. but also as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, scientists and historians who are attempting to clean and preserve the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814, hoping
E. but also as ordinary as common dry-cleaning chemicals, an attempt by scientists and historians at cleaning and preserving the American flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814 in hopes

Option A - Incorrect
The basic structure of the sentence is - "using technology as new as space age fabrics ..., scientists and historians are hoping that that it will then last another 200 years" -- this suggests that "using technology" is HOW scientists and historians are hoping.
Moreover, the antecedent of "it" is in a non-essential phrase. A sentence must make perfect sense even if non-essential modifiers are removed. Not ideal. In addition,
"scientists are hoping, in their attempt at cleaning and preserving the American flag ...." "Hoping ..." is not IN their attempt.

Option B - Correct Answer
Correct answer.

Option C - Incorrect
"Using technology ..." refers to "an attempt".

Option D - Incorrect
Not a sentence.

Option E - Incorrect
Not a sentence. Moreover, "using technology ..." refers to "an attempt".

Question 6
OA - A
Unlike crested wheatgrass, an alien species from Siberia that forms only shallow roots and produces tall above-ground shoots, native North American grasses develop an extensive root system, allowing for greater enrichment of the soil, but do not grow to be very tall.
A. native North American grasses develop an extensive root system, allowing for greater enrichment of the soil, but do not grow to be very
B. native North American grasses develop an extensive root system, which allows for their greater enrichment of the soil, but without growing to be that
C. the root system of native North American grasses is extensive, allowing for greater enrichment of the soil, but they do not grow to be very
D. the root system of native North American grasses is more extensive, allowing for the greater enrichment of the soil, but these grasses do not grow to be very
E. the extensiveness of the root system of native North American grasses allows for their greater enrichment of the soil, but they do not grow to be that
Option A - Correct Answer
Correct Answer.

Option B - Incorrect
"Their greater enrichment of the soil" - here "their" seems to refer to "grasses". "grasses' greater enrichment of soil" does not make any sense. "but without growing to be that tall" - not parallel. "that tall" is incorrect in formal usage.

Option C - Incorrect
"Crested wheatgrass" is compared with "the root system".

Option D - Incorrect
"Crested wheatgrass" is compared with "the root system". "the root system of native North American grasses is more extensive" -- changes the meaning by suggesting that root systems of wheatgrass are also extensive (only less so than those of North American grasses).

Option E - Incorrect
"Crested wheatgrass" is compared with "the extensiveness of the root system". This option implies "grass's greater enrichment of soil" -- does not make any sense. "that tall" is also incorrect.

Question 7
OA - C
A pair of architects in Britain, who say that giant arches, bridges, and walls made of artificial bone could be easier to design and build than conventional structures, and already designed a number of structures, including a bridge, for showing how their idea would work.
A. build than conventional structures, and already designed a number of structures, including a bridge, for showing
B. build than conventional structures, and they have already designed a number of structures, which includes a bridge, to show
C. build than conventional structures, have already designed a number of structures, including a bridge, to show
D. also to build than conventional structures, already designed a number of structures, including a bridge, which shows
E. to build than with conventional structures, have already designed a number of structures, including a bridge, which shows

Option A - Incorrect

If we remove the non-essential modifier - 'who say that ...', the leftover sentence is a fragment. 'Already' here requires a perfect tense. In addition, the architects have designed such structures with an intention. Better to use the infinitive 'to' - to suggest an intent.

Option B - Incorrect

If we remove the non-essential modifier, we are left with a sentence fragment. The 'they' is redundant.

Option C - Correct Answer

Correct answer.

Option D - Incorrect

'And also' is redundant. Usage of past tense is incorrect. Past tense has no bearing on the present. Present perfect, however, has a bearing on the present. The sentence also distorts the original meaning. Here only the bridge shows their idea. In the original all structures do.

Option E - Incorrect

'Than' requires parallel structure. 'With conventional structures' is not parallel to anything. The sentence also distorts the original meaning. Here only the bridge shows their idea. In the original all structures do.

Question 8
OA - E

Results from the 1998 National Demographic and Health Survey confirm that, even when compared with densely populated countries like Thailand and Indonesia, the Philippine nation's fertility rates consistently exceed all of its Southeast Asian neighbors.

A. like Thailand and Indonesia, the Philippine nation's fertility rates consistently exceed all of
B. like Thailand and Indonesia, the Philippine nation consistently exhibits fertility rates exceeding all
C. such as Thailand and Indonesia, the fertility rates exhibited by the Philippine nation are consistently exceeding those of all
D. such as Thailand and Indonesia, the Philippine nation's fertility rates consistently exceed all those of
E. such as Thailand and Indonesia, the Philippine nation consistently exhibits fertility rates that exceed those of all

Option A - Incorrect

'Like' is not used to give examples. use 'such as'. Faulty comparison between countries and fertility rates. In addition, 'fertility rates' cannot exceed other countries - illogical.

Option B - Incorrect

'Like' is not used to give examples. Use 'such as'. In addition, 'fertility rates' cannot exceed other countries - illogical. The -ing modifier is too restrictive. Seems to suggest that there might be other rates that DO NOT exceed those in other countries.

Option C - Incorrect

Present continuous tense is not required here (it is used when something is happening right now.) However, present tense is used to state general truths (from the context, we can infer that this scenario has also happened in the past and is true now as well.)

Option D - Incorrect
Faulty comparison between fertility rates and countries. 'All those of' distorts the meaning. Seems to imply that there are many fertility rates and those are common to Indonesia and Thailand.

**Option E - Correct Answer**
Correct answer.

**Question 9**
**OA - E**
According to a new report by the surgeon general, women with less than a high school education had three times the likelihood that they would begin smoking as women who went to college.
A. had three times the likelihood that they would begin smoking
B. had three times the likelihood of beginning smoking
C. were three times more likely to begin to smoke
D. were three times more likely that they would begin to smoke
E. were three times as likely to begin smoking

**Option A - Incorrect**
"They would begin smoking as women who went to college" -- this implies that they would start smoking in the role of women who went to college.

**Option B - Incorrect**
"Women with less than a high school education had 3 times the likelihood of beginning smoking as women who went to college". This sentence implies that such women when functioning as women who went to college have 3 times the likelihood of beginning smoking -- Nonsense.

**Option C - Incorrect**
"More likely as" is unidiomatic.

**Option D - Incorrect**
"More likely as" is unidiomatic. "They would begin smoking as women who went to college." -- This implies that they would start smoking in the role of women who went to college.

Option E - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Idiomatic construction -- "as likely as".

Question 10
OA - A
According to a study published in The New England Journal of Medicine, aspirin prevents blood clots just as well as a commonly used and more expensive blood-thinning drug does.
A. prevents blood clots just as well as a commonly used and more expensive blood-thinning drug does
B. prevents blood clots just as well as does a commonly used and a more expensive blood-thinning drug
C. prevents blood clots just as well as will a commonly used and more expensive blood-thinning drug
D. works just as well as a commonly used and more expensive blood-thinning drug at the prevention of blood clots
E. works just as well as does a commonly used blood-thinning drug, which is also more expensive, at preventing blood clots

Option A - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Clear and concise.

Option B - Incorrect
"A commonly used and a more expensive blood-thinning drug" -- suggests that there are two drugs.

Option C - Incorrect
Use of future tense 'will' is incorrect. The verb here must be in the same time frame as "prevents" to make sense. Using "will" implies that the commonly used drug does NOT prevent blood clots now, but will do so in the future.

**Option D - Incorrect**

"Aspirin works at the prevention of blood clots" is incorrect.

**Option E - Incorrect**

"Aspirin works at the prevention of blood clots" is incorrect.

**Question 11**

**OA - A**

Fossils of a whale that beached on an African shore more than a million years ago and was subsequently butchered by hominids have been recovered by paleontologists.

A. that beached on an African shore more than a million years ago and was subsequently butchered by hominids have
B. that beached on an African shore more than a million years ago and then was subsequently butchered by hominids has
C. that beached on an African shore more than a million years ago, which was subsequently butchered by hominids, has
D. having been beached on an African shore more than a million years ago and subsequently butchered by hominids, have
E. having beached on an African shore more than a million years ago and then subsequently were butchered by hominids have

**Option A – Correct answer**

"beached" is parallel to "was subsequently butchered". Note that we do not need to use the past perfect for "beached" since "subsequently" clarifies the sequence of tenses.

**Option B – Incorrect**

"then + subsequently" is redundant. "fossils + has" is incorrect.

**Option C - Incorrect**
“fossils + has” is incorrect. “which” incorrectly refers to “more than a million years ago”.

Option D – Incorrect

This sentence reads – “fossils + modifier, have been recovered ...” – the comma suggests that the subject is stranded. “having been beached” is a passive construction that suggests that the whale did not get beached by itself but was beached on the shore by someone/something else. Not the intended meaning.

Option E – Incorrect

“Then + subsequently” is redundant. “were butchered” does not make sense with the singular “whale”. In addition, parallelism dictates this structure – “then having were butchered ...” Incorrect.

Question 12

OA - E

Unlike frogs that metamorphose from tadpoles into adults within a one-year period, it takes three to four years for the mountain yellow-legged frog of the Sierra Nevada to reach adulthood, and so they are restricted to deeper bodies of water that do not dry up in summer or freeze solid in winter.
A. it takes three to four years for the mountain yellow-legged frog of the Sierra Nevada to reach adulthood, and so they are
B. it takes the mountain yellow-legged frog of the Sierra Nevada three to four years until it reaches adulthood, and therefore it is
C. in the Sierra Nevada, mountain yellow-legged tree frogs take three to four years to reach adulthood, thus being
D. mountain yellow-legged frogs of the Sierra Nevada take three to four years until they reach adulthood, thus
E. mountain yellow-legged frogs of the Sierra Nevada take three to four years to reach adulthood, and so they are

Option A – Incorrect

Incorrect comparison – “frogs” to “it”. The pronoun “they” cannot refer to “mountain yellow-legged frog”.

Option B – Incorrect
Incorrect comparison – “frogs” to “it”. “It takes the frog 4 years until it reaches adulthood” – 4 years to do what? Not clear. In addition, the first “it” does not have an antecedent.

Option C – Incorrect
“In the Sierra Nevada, mountain yellow-legged tree frogs take three to four years to reach adulthood” – implies that the frogs might take less than 3 years to reach adulthood if placed elsewhere.

Option D – Incorrect
“Mountain yellow-legged frogs of the Sierra Nevada take three to four years ...” – for what? Not clear. Note also that comma + VERB-ed modifiers refer to the immediately preceding noun – “adulthood”. Incorrect.

Question 13
OA - B
Meteor showers and individual streaks of light that flash across the sky every night are generated when tiny flecks of celestial detritus, often no larger than grains of sand or of pebbles, burn up speeding through the atmosphere.
A. grains of sand or of pebbles, burn up speeding
B. grains of sand or pebbles, burn up while speeding
C. grains of sand or pebbles, which burn up while speeding
D. a grain of sand or pebble, which burns up as it speeds
E. a grain of sand or a pebble, burns up when it speeds

Option A - Incorrect
The term ‘grains of pebbles’ does not make any sense. 'Speeding through ...’ also does not make sense. ‘-ing’ modifiers at the end must function either as a subordinate action or as an effect.
Option B – Correct answer
Correct answer. ‘While speeding...’ makes sense.

Option C - Incorrect
‘When tiny flecks ...’ is a subordinate clause. There is no main clause here after ‘when ...

Option D - Incorrect
Plural form ‘grains of sand or pebbles’ is required, since we are comparing it to ‘tiny flecks of ...’ ‘When tiny flecks ...’ is a subordinate clause. There is no main clause here after ‘when ...’. The article ‘a’ is missing before the word ‘pebble’.

Option E - Incorrect
Plural form ‘grains of sand or pebbles’ is required, since we are comparing it to ‘tiny flecks of ...’ ‘burns’ and ‘it’ do not agree with the subject ‘tiny flecks’.

Question 14
OA - E
The results of two recent unrelated studies support the idea that dolphins may share certain cognitive abilities with humans and great apes; the studies indicate dolphins as capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and to grasp spontaneously the mood or intention of humans.
A. dolphins as capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and to grasp spontaneously
B. dolphins’ ability to recognize themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered as a sign of self-awareness—and of spontaneously grasping
C. dolphins to be capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and to grasp spontaneously
D. that dolphins have the ability of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered as a sign of self-awareness—and spontaneously grasping
E. that dolphins are capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and of spontaneously grasping
Option A - Incorrect

'Of recognizing' and 'to grasp' are not parallel. "Dolphins as capable to spontaneously" is unidiomatic. In addition, this sentence says, "studies indicate dolphins ..." - illogical. We need a "that" after indicate.

Option B - Incorrect

'To recognize' and 'of spontaneously grasping' are not parallel. 'Themselves' has no antecedent as "dolphins'' is a possessive noun. "Considered as" is unidiomatic.

Option C - Incorrect

'Of recognizing' and 'to grasp' are not parallel. In addition, this sentence says, "studies indicate dolphins ..." - illogical. We need a "that" after indicate. "Capable to grasp" is unidiomatic.

Option D - Incorrect

"Consider as" is unidiomatic. "Ability of" is unidiomatic.

Option E - Correct Answer

CORRECT ANSWER. 'Recognizing' and 'spontaneously grasping' are parallel. Just 'consider' is used which is idiomatically correct.

Question 15

OA - A

The state has proposed new rules that would set minimum staffing levels for nurses, rules intended to ensure that at least one nurse is assigned for every four patients put through triage in a hospital emergency room.
A. rules intended to ensure that at least one nurse is assigned for every four patients put through triage in a hospital emergency room
B. rules with the intent of ensuring one nurse at least to be assigned for every four patients to be put through triage in a hospital emergency room
C. rules intending to ensure at least one nurse is assigned for every four patients in a
hospital emergency room put through triage
D. with the intent of ensuring that at least one nurse should be assigned for every four patients in a hospital emergency room that are put through triage
E. and this is intended to ensure one nurse at least to be assigned for every four patients put through triage in a hospital emergency room

Option A - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. The sentence construction is correct. The meaning is conveyed correctly.

Option B - Incorrect
"Rules" do not have an intent. We need a "that" after "ensuring". Usage of "to be" distorts the meaning. This suggests that the nurses are assigned before the patients are put through triage. "At least" seems to modify "to be assigned". Also note that "ensure" is not a bossy verb and thus needs "is", not "to be".

Option C - Incorrect
"Rules" do not have an intent. "Rules" do not ensure "At least one nurse". We need a "that" after "ensure". The emergency room is not put through triage.

Option D - Incorrect
Usage of "ensure + should" is incorrect. "Ensure" = Must; "should" = a moral obligation (not compulsory).

Option E - Incorrect
Singular 'this' cannot refer to plural 'rules'. Also, note that "this" must serve as an adjective and cannot be used on its own. We need a "that" after "ensure". "At least" seems to modify "to be assigned" (that is one nurse should have more responsibilities than just handling patients).

Question 16
OA - A
Whereas in mammals the tiny tubes that convey nutrients to bone cells are arrayed in parallel lines, in birds the tubes form a random pattern.

A. Whereas in mammals the tiny tubes that convey nutrients to bone cells are arrayed in parallel lines, in birds the tubes
B. Whereas the tiny tubes for the conveying of nutrients to bone cells are arrayed in mammals in parallel lines, birds have tubes that
C. Unlike mammals, where the tiny tubes for conveying nutrients to bone cells are arrayed in parallel lines, birds’ tubes
D. Unlike mammals, in whom the tiny tubes that convey nutrients to bone cells are arrayed in parallel lines, the tubes in birds
E. Unlike the tiny tubes that convey nutrients to bone cells, which in mammals are arrayed in parallel lines, in birds the tubes

Option A - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Correct comparison between 'mammals' and 'birds'.

Option B - Incorrect
"In parallel lines" seems to modify "mammals". Also, "tubes" does not make it clear - Which tubes are we referring to? Answer option A clarifies this by using "the" - "the tubes" makes it clear that we are referring to tubes that convey nutrients.

Option C - Incorrect
Incorrect comparison between 'mammals' and 'bird's tubes'. 'Where' is used incorrectly. Where should only modify places. Also, "tubes" does not make it clear - Which tubes are we referring to?

Option D - Incorrect
Incorrect comparison between 'mammals' and 'tubes'.

Option E - Incorrect
"Which" refers to bone cells. "Unlike X, Y" - Y should not have an intervening modifier. "in birds" is an intervening modifier to "the tubes" -this is incorrect.
Question 17

OA - A

The United States minted about 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars between 1979 and 1981, but the coin proved unpopular because it looked and felt too much like a quarter.

A. The United States minted about 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars between 1979 and 1981, but the coin
B. About 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars were minted as coins in the United States between 1979 and 1981 but
C. About 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars that were minted between 1979 and 1981 in the United States
D. About 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars that the United States minted between 1979 and 1981
E. Between 1979 and 1981 the United States minted about 857 million silver-colored “Susan B. Anthony” dollars, which

Option A - Correct Answer

CORRECT ANSWER. Conveys meaning correctly. It is concise.

Option B - Incorrect

"It" cannot refer to "coins"/"dollars". In addition, this implies that ONLY about 857 million dollars proved unpopular.

Option C - Incorrect

In addition, this implies that ONLY about 857 million dollars proved unpopular. "it" cannot refer to "dollars".

Option D - Incorrect

In addition, this implies that ONLY about 857 million dollars proved unpopular. "it" cannot refer to "dollars".

Option E - Incorrect
Plural 'dollars' cannot be used in conjunction with singular 'it'.

Question 18

OA - D

With an awareness that there are connotations associated with the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B, companies conducting consumer taste tests of foods or beverages typically choose numbers such as 697 or 483 to label the products.
A. With an awareness that there are connotations associated with the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B
B. Because the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B have connotations they are aware of
C. Because of an awareness of the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B having connotations
D. Aware of the connotations of the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B
E. Since the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B have connotations associated with them and they are aware of it

Option A - Incorrect

"There are connotations associated with the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B" = "connotations are associated with the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B". So, the sentence reads - "with an awareness that connotations are associated with the numbers 1 and 2 ...." We only know that there are connotations associated with these numbers. We DO NOT KNOW what those connotations are. This is different from "aware of the connotations" - this implies that we know what these connotations entail.

("With an awareness that there are connotations ..." suggests that the companies knew that such connotations exist but are not aware of the details. "Awareness of the connotations" implies they know what those connotations are and mean. Because "there" implies something exists. "There are connotations" = "connotations exist". Hence, the sentence = "awareness that connotations exist".)

Option B - Incorrect

"Have connotations they are aware of" - we do not end modifiers with prepositions. It is better to write "connotations of which they are aware".
Option C - Incorrect
"The letters A and B having connotations ..." - the essential modifier implies that there are types of "letters A and B" that have connotations. Consequently, there are other types that DO NOT. Illogical.

Option D - Correct Answer
Correct answer.

Option E - Incorrect
"They" refers to two different things in the same sentence. Not ideal. The pronoun "it" does not have an antecedent.

In addition, it does not make sense to put these two in parallel - "the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters A and B have connotations associated with them and they are aware of it ". The second clause should describe "connotations". Not ideal. Moreover, if "them" refers back to the subject "the numbers 1 and 2 ...", we need a reflexive pronoun "themselves".

Question 19
OA - E
Because Miranda, the smallest moon of Uranus, has a large number of different surface features, including craters, mountains, valleys, and fractures, some astronomers suggest that at one time repeated impacts broke the surface apart, and after which the fragments were subsequently rejoined because of mutual gravitational attraction.
A. repeated impacts broke the surface apart, and after which the fragments were subsequently rejoined because of
B. repeated impacts on the surface broke it apart, after which the fragments having rejoined with
C. through repeated impacts that the surface broke apart, after which the fragments subsequently rejoined by.
D. the surface broke apart with repeated impacts, after which the fragments having rejoined through.
E. the surface broke apart as a result of repeated impacts, after which the fragments rejoined through.
Option A - Incorrect
"After + subsequently" is redundant. "And" requires parallelism. "After which" is not parallel to anything else.

"Fragments were subsequently rejoined because of gravity" -- "because" indicates a reason (indirect causation) why the fragments joined but not the HOW/Method. I.e. gravitation did not directly lead to rejoining but led to a series of events that resulted in rejoining. Not logical.

Option B - Incorrect
"After which" must be followed by a clause. Also, "having rejoined ..." is used to indicate two actions -- one prior to the other. We do not know what happened after "rejoining".

"Rejoined with gravitational attraction" is incorrect. "After which" is incorrect as it does not have an immediately preceding noun. (Note that "which" is a pronoun).

Option C - Incorrect
"Suggests that through repeated impacts that the surface broke apart" -- the second "that" is redundant. "After which" is incorrect as it does not have an immediately preceding noun. (Note that "which" is a pronoun).

Option D - Incorrect
"After which" must be followed by a clause. "The surface broke apart with repeated impacts" is incorrect.

Option E - Correct Answer
Correct answer

Question 20
OA - C
Studies that have compared the different types of insects in coffee plantations and tropical forests have reported either finding a similar or a greater variety in plantations.
A. and tropical forests have reported either finding a similar or a
B. with those of tropical forests have either reported finding a similar or a
C. with those in tropical forests have reported finding either a similar or a
D. to tropical forests have either reported finding a similar or a
E. to those of tropical forests have reported either finding a similar or a

Option A - Incorrect
"Either finding a similar or a greater variety" is not parallel.

Option B - Incorrect
"Either reported finding a similar or greater variety" -- not parallel.

Option C - Correct Answer
Correct answer.

Option D - Incorrect
Ambiguous meaning. Seems to suggest that we are comparing "insects" to "tropical forests". "Either reported finding a similar or greater variety" -- not parallel.

Option E - Incorrect
"Either finding a similar or greater variety" -- not parallel.

Question 21
OA - A

The thirteen original British colonies in North America, some formed as commercial ventures, others as religious havens, each had a written charter that set forth its form of government and the rights
of the colonists.
A. some formed as commercial ventures, others as religious havens, each had a written charter
B. some being formed as a commercial venture, others as religious havens, all of which had written charters
C. some that formed as commercial ventures, others as religious havens, all had written charters
D. with some being formed as a commercial venture, others as religious havens, all had a written charter
E. with some formed as commercial ventures, while others as religious havens, each had a written charter

Option A - Correct Answer
Correct answer.

Option B - Incorrect
The usage of "being" is redundant as removing it does not affect the meaning. "All of which + its" -- pronoun error.

Option C - Incorrect
This reads "some colonies that formed as commercial ventures". Implies that the colonies THEMSELVES formed as commercial ventures. Note the wording used in option A --"some [that were] formed as commercial ventures". "All + its" -- pronoun error.

Option D - Incorrect
The usage of "being" is redundant as removing it does not affect the meaning. "All had a written charter" -- not logical as it suggests that all of them had one charter.

"The 13 colonies, with some formed as a commercial venture, all had a written charter" -- note that "with" functions as an adverbial modifier that seems to describe "had a written charter". Does not make sense. Removing "with" makes it a noun modifier (as it should be) that describes "the 13 colonies".
Option E - Incorrect

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Question 22

OA - B

Although she had been known as an effective legislator first in the Texas Senate and later in the United States House of Representatives, not until Barbara Jordan’s participation in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon in 1974 was she made a nationally recognized figure, as it was televised nationwide.

A. later in the United States House of Representatives, not until Barbara Jordan’s participation in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon in 1974 was she made a nationally recognized figure, as it was

B. later in the United States House of Representatives, Barbara Jordan did not become a nationally recognized figure until 1974, when she participated in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon, which were

C. later in the United States House of Representatives, it was not until 1974 that Barbara Jordan became a nationally recognized figure, with her participation in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon, which was

D. then also later in the United States House of Representatives, not until 1974 did Barbara Jordan become a nationally recognized figure, as she participated in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon, being

E. then also later in the United States House of Representatives, Barbara Jordan did not become a nationally recognized figure until 1974, when she participated in the hearings on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon, which was

Option A – Incorrect

The pronoun “she” does not have an antecedent. (Nixon was not impeached. Hence, it does not make sense to say, "It [impeachment] was televised nationwide". Rather, the "hearings" were televised.

Option C – Incorrect

"Which" should logically refer to "hearings". We are told that she participated in the hearings, not in the impeachment itself. If the impeachment was televised (and not
the hearings) how could she get famous from that? It makes logical sense to assume that the hearings were televised, making her famous.

**Option D – Incorrect**

“Then + later” is redundant. “Being” (used as a modifier here) is redundant as removing it does not change the intended meaning.

**Option E – Incorrect**

“Then + later” is redundant. “Which” refers to impeachment, not to “hearings” – not logical.

**Question 23**

**OA - C**

George Washington Carver dedicated his life to the economic strengthening of the south with improvement of soil and diversification of crops.

A. the economic strengthening of the south with improvement of soil and diversification of crops.
B. strengthening the economy in the south with soil improvement and diversification of crops.
C. the strengthening of the economy of the south through soil improvement and crop diversification.
D. the strengthening of the economy of the south through improving soil and crop diversifying
E. the economic strengthening in the south with improving soil and diversifying crop

Who strengthened the economy of the South? George Carver himself. Who was responsible for crop diversification and soil improvement? George Carver, but he did not commit the actions directly. Situation 1 requires a simple gerund, while situation 2 requires an action noun or complex gerund.

(Note that –ing forms/simple gerunds suggest DIRECT INVOLVEMENT; complex gerunds (a/an/the + -ing form) OR Action Nouns imply INDIRECT INVOLVEMENT).

**Option A – Incorrect**

“With” as a modifier does not make sense here. “Improvement of soil and diversification of corps” – were **methods** employed to improve the economy of the South. We need a preposition such as **by** or **through** to convey this appropriately.
Option B – Incorrect
Usage of “with” does not convey the intended meaning appropriately. “Strengthening the economy in the south” – does not make it clear to which economy (the country’s economy perhaps?) we are referring. We only know that this economy was strengthened IN the South.

Option C – Correct Answer
Correct Answer. ‘Strengthening the economy’ is a simple gerund. For the second part, the answer uses action nouns.

Option D – Incorrect
“GWC dedicated his life to the strengthening of the economy of the south through improving soil” -- the modifier “through improving soil” refers to GWC. “Through improving soil, GWC dedicated his life to …” implies that GWC personally improved soil. Does not make a lot of sense. Probably, he implemented measures to improve soil conditions; he did not personally improve soil.

“The strengthening of the economy of the South through crop + Modifier” – definitely not the intended meaning (modifier = diversifying).

‘Improving soil’ and ‘crop diversifying’ are not parallel. Incorrect.

Option E – Incorrect

Question 24
OA - E
Horses have a unique system of interlocking ligaments and bones in their legs, serving as a kind of sling in which, with their body weight suspended and the muscles in their limbs completely relaxed, the result is they are able to sleep standing up.
A. legs, serving as a kind of sling in which, with their body weight suspended and the muscles in their limbs completely relaxed, the result is
B. legs that serve as a kind of sling in which to suspend their body weight, the muscles in their limbs being completely relaxed; as a result,
C. legs that serve as a kind of sling in which, with their body weight suspended while the muscles in their limbs are completely relaxed, the result is
D. legs that serves as a kind of sling in which, with their body weight suspended and the muscles in their limbs completely relaxed, having the result that
E. legs that serves as a kind of sling in which their body weight is suspended while the muscles in their limbs are completely relaxed; as a result,

**Option A - Incorrect**

‘The result is they …’ is incorrect. The result cannot be horses. ‘With their body weight …’ incorrectly modifies ‘the result’. It must have modified horses. The modifier ‘serving …’ modifies the subject of the preceding clause – ‘Horses’. This is illogical.

**Option B - Incorrect**

‘In which’ must be followed by a clause. The modifier ‘the muscles in their limbs …’ does not make any logical sense. Ambiguous referent for that – does ‘that’ refer to ‘interlocking ligaments and bones’ or to ‘legs’?

**Option C - Incorrect**

Ambiguous referent for that – does ‘that’ refer to ‘interlocking ligaments and bones’ or to ‘legs’? ‘The result is they …’ is incorrect. The result cannot be horses. ‘With their body weight …’ incorrectly modifies ‘the result’. It must have modified horses. ‘While’ – a subordinator – requires a main clause. ‘With their body weight …’ does not fit the bill.

**Option D - Incorrect**

‘In which …’ must be followed by a clause. Here, it is followed by 2 modifiers – ‘with their’ and ‘having …’

**Option E – Correct Answer**

Correct answer. ‘That’ refers to system. ‘While their muscles …’ is associated with a main clause ‘their body weight is …’
Charles Lindbergh, for his attempt at a solo transatlantic flight, was very reluctant to have any extra weight on his plane, he therefore refused to carry even a pound of mail, despite being offered $1,000 to do so.

A. Charles Lindbergh, for his attempt at a solo transatlantic flight, was very reluctant to have any extra weight on his plane, he therefore refused to carry even a pound of mail, despite being offered $1,000 to do so.

B. When Charles Lindbergh was attempting his solo transatlantic flight, being very reluctant to have any extra weight on his plane, he

C. Since he was very reluctant to carry any extra weight on his plane when he was attempting his solo transatlantic flight, so Charles Lindbergh

D. Being very reluctant to carry any extra weight on his plane when he attempted his solo transatlantic flight was the reason that Charles Lindbergh

E. Very reluctant to have any extra weight on his plane when he attempted his solo transatlantic flight, Charles Lindbergh

**Option A - Incorrect**

Two independent clauses connected by a comma. ‘Charles Lindbergh was very reluctant’ and ‘he therefore, refused’.

**Option B - Incorrect**

The ‘being …’ must have modified the clause after it- >‘he therefore refused to carry …’ But this ‘being …’ modifier modifies the clause preceding it - > ‘When Charles ….’

The basic rule here is this – a modifier in the middle of a sentence generally modifies the clause before it. In addition, B has a meaning error. It implies that while he was flying, he was reluctant to carry extra weight, but before his flight began, he might have been okay with carrying extra weight.

**Option C - Incorrect**

Commits the same meaning error that B does. Also, ‘since‘ and ‘so‘ are redundant.

**Option D - Incorrect**

Let us try to flip this option. The sentence must still make sense then. ‘The reason he refused to carry even a pound of mail was being very reluctant to carry an extra
weight on his plane’. This is awkward. The option would have made more sense if it used ‘reluctance’ instead of ‘being very reluctant’.

Question 26

OA - B

Retail sales rose 8/10 of 1 percent in August, intensifying expectations that personal spending in the July-September quarter more than doubled that of the 1.4 percent growth rate in personal spending for the previous quarter.

A. that personal spending in the July-September quarter more than doubled that of
B. that personal spending in the July-September quarter would more than double
C. of personal spending in the July-September quarter, that it more than doubled
D. of personal spending in the July-September quarter, more than doubling that of
E. of personal spending in the July-September quarter, that it would more than double that

Option A - Incorrect

"That of 1.4 percent growth". The pronoun "that" does not refer to anything. In addition, what was the expectation in August? That "personal spending in July-September quarter will more than double"; Note that the "will" changes to "would" when we report the sentence (read - future in the past).

Option B - Correct Answer

CORRECT ANSWER- Removes all the issues pointed in option A

Option C - Incorrect

We need a "that" here to talk about an idea. We are not just referring to "expectations of personal spending" but an IDEA THAT "personal spending would more than double that of ...." Usage of "that it more than doubled ..." is incorrect. Note than an appositive phrase must be parallel to the phrase/clause it modifies. You need "expectations that ...." Usage of simple past is incorrect. We need future-in-the-past tense (would).

Option D - Incorrect
We need a "that" here to talk about an idea. We are not just referring to "expectations of personal spending" but an IDEA THAT "personal spending would more than double that of .... " "That of 1.4 percent growth". The pronoun "that" does not refer to anything. The comma + -ing modifier at the end - "more than doubling ..." does not make sense either as a descriptor or as an effect.

**Option E - Incorrect**

Expectations of' is wrong. 'That of 1.4 percent growth is wrong'. Usage of "that it more than doubled ..." is incorrect. Note than an appositive phrase must be parallel to the phrase/clause it modifies. You need "expectations that ...."

**Question 27**

**OA - C**

Researchers agreed that the study of new treatments for heart attack patients was extremely important but more research was needed to determine that balloon angioplasty preceded with ultrasound was or was not any better for heart attack patients than the balloon procedure by itself.

A. more research was needed to determine that balloon angioplasty preceded with ultrasound was or was not any better for heart attack patients than
B. more research was needed for determining whether or not balloon angioplasty preceded by ultrasound is any better for heart attack patients than is
C. that more research was needed to determine whether balloon angioplasty preceded by ultrasound is any better for heart attack patients than is
D. that more research was needed to determine that balloon angioplasty preceded with ultrasound was any better for heart attack patients than
E. that more research was needed for determining that balloon angioplasty preceded by ultrasound is or is not any better for heart attack patients than is

**Option A - Incorrect**

"Determine that" is used for definite things. Here, we have a choice between two things. We need to use "whether". "Balloon angioplasty preceded with ultrasound was or was not any better for heart attack patients ..." - Since, we are talking about general truths, we need to use the simple present. Using simple past suggests that the results - say, balloon angioplasty was better - are no longer valid.
Option B - Incorrect
"Whether or not" is redundant.

Option C - Correct Answer
Correctly uses "needed to" and "preceded by".

Option D - Incorrect
"More evidence is needed to determine that balloon angioplasty preceded with ultrasound was any better for heart attack patients than balloon procedure" - States that we have already decided that angioplasty is better. We just need more evidence. Contrast this with C, which says we need more evidence to determine which procedure is better. In addition, since, we are talking about general truths, we need to use the simple present. Using simple past suggests that the results - say, balloon angioplasty was better - are no longer valid.

Option E - Incorrect
"Determine that" is used for definite things. Here, we have a choice between two things. We need to use "whether".

Question 28
OA - A
The bones of Majungatholus atopus, a meat-eating dinosaur that is a distant relative of Tyrannosaurus rex and closely resembles South American predatory dinosaurs, have been discovered in Madagascar.
A. The bones of Majungatholus atopus, a meat-eating dinosaur that is a distant relative of Tyrannosaurus rex and closely resembles South American predatory dinosaurs, have been discovered in Madagascar.
B. The bones of a meat-eating dinosaur, Majungatholus atopus, a distant relative of Tyrannosaurus rex and with a close resemblance to South American predatory dinosaurs, has been discovered in Madagascar.
C. In Madagascar, the bones of a meat-eating dinosaur, Majungatholus atopus, distantly related to Tyrannosaurus rex and closely resembled South American predatory dinosaurs, have been discovered.
D. A distant relative of Tyrannosaurus rex, bearing a close resemblance to South
American predatory dinosaurs is Majungatholus atopus, a meat-eating dinosaur, the bones of which have been discovered in Madagascar.
E. A distant relative of Tyrannosaurus rex and closely resembling South American predatory dinosaurs, the bones of a meat-eating dinosaur, Majungatholus atopus, have been discovered in Madagascar.

Option A - Correct Answer
Correct Answer.

Option B - Incorrect
"Bones + has" is incorrect. "And with" is not parallel to anything.

Option C - Incorrect
"Distantly related to" is an adjective whereas "closely resembled" is an adverb. They cannot be put in parallel.

Option D - Incorrect
Modifier error. "Bearing a close resemblance" is not a distant relative of T-rex.

Option E - Incorrect
The bones are being modified here, but actually, it should be Majungatholus. "A distant relative" is not parallel to "closely resembling".

Question 29
OA - E
Because she knew many of the leaders of colonial America and the American Revolution personally, Mercy Otis Warren was continually at or near the center of political events from 1765 to 1789, a vantage point combining with her talent for writing to make her one of the most valuable historians of the era.
A. a vantage point combining with her talent for writing to make
B. a vantage point, when combined with her talent for writing, that made
C. a vantage point that combined with her talent for writing, and it made
D. and this vantage point, which combined with her talent for writing to make
E. and this vantage point, combined with her talent for writing, made

Option A - Incorrect
Incorrect. Seems to suggest that the vantage point itself was combining with her talent.

Option B - Incorrect
Usage of 'when' is incorrect. Seems to imply that only when the vantage point combined with her talents did it make her a valuable historian.

Option C - Incorrect
Seems to imply that the vantage point itself combined with her talents (vantage point is the agent/actor). The usage of 'it' is bad. 'it' refers to something in a non-essential phrase.

Option D - Incorrect
'And this vantage point' is not a clause. 'Seems to imply that the vantage point itself combined with her talents (vantage point is the agent/actor).

Option E - Correct Answer
Correct answer.

Question 30
OA - D
The direction in which the Earth and the other solid planets--Mercury, Venus, and Mars--spins were determined from collisions with giant celestial bodies in the early history of the Solar System.
A. spins were determined from
B. spins were determined because of
C. spins was determined through
D. spin was determined by
E. spin was determined as a result of

Option A - Incorrect
"Direction + were" is incorrect. "Earth and other solid planets + spins" is incorrect.

Option B - Incorrect
"Direction + were" is incorrect. "Earth and other solid planets + spins" is incorrect.

Option C - Incorrect
"Earth and other solid planets + spins" is incorrect.

Option D - Correct Answer
Correct answer.

Option E - Incorrect
"Determined as a result of" is redundant. (X is determined by Y IS THE SAME AS X happens as a result of Y).

Question 31

OA - D
The period when the great painted caves at Lascaux and Altamira were occupied by Upper Paleolithic peoples has been established by carbon dating, but what is much more difficult to determine are the use to which primitive peoples put the caves, the reason for their decoration, and the meaning of the magnificently depicted animals.

A. has been established by carbon dating, but what is much more difficult to determine are
B. have been established by carbon dating, but what is much more difficult to determine are
C. have been established by carbon dating, but that which is much more difficult to
determine is.
D. has been established by carbon dating, but what is much more difficult to determine is
E. are established by carbon dating, but that which is much more difficult to determine is

**Option A - Incorrect**

A noun clause such as "what is much more difficult to determine" is always singular.

**Option B - Incorrect**

"Period + have been established" is incorrect. "What is much more difficult to determine" is singular.

**Option C - Incorrect**

Singular 'period' needs singular 'has' not plural 'have'. The pronoun "that" does not have a referent.

**Option D - Correct Answer**

CORRECT ANSWER. Singular 'has' is used correctly. Singular 'is' is used correctly.

**Option E - Incorrect**

Singular 'period' needs singular 'is' not plural 'are'. The pronoun "that" does not have a referent. The present tense here -- "the period when the great painted caves were occupied by Upper Paleolithic peoples is established by C-Dating" -- does not make a lot of sense. Present tense is used for general/timeless truths (i.e. true today, in the past, and in the future). However, the context suggests that this was a point event in the past. Use simple past or present perfect.

**Question 32**

**OA - C**
Beneath the soil of the Malheur National Forest in eastern Oregon, a fungus has for centuries been slowly weaving its way through the roots of trees, to become the largest living single organism known to humans.

A. has for centuries been slowly weaving its way through the roots of trees, to become
B. has slowly woven its way through the roots of trees for centuries, and so becoming
C. that has been slowly weaving its way through the roots of trees for centuries has become
D. that has for centuries slowly woven its way through the roots of trees and has become
E. that, having slowly woven its way through the roots of trees for centuries, to become

Option A - Incorrect
The fungus did not weave and grow to become the largest organism ("to" specifies intent). The result just happened and was not intended. This option does not convey the intended meaning correctly.

Option B - Incorrect
"And so becoming" -- not parallel to anything else.

Option C - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Clearly conveys the intended meaning.

Option D - Incorrect
Not a sentence.

Option E - Incorrect
The basic structure is "a fungus that to become the largest living organism" -- incorrect. "Having woven" (a perfect participle) indicates an action that happened before the main clause. There is no sequence of tenses indicated here.

Question 33
The computer company registered a $16 million net loss for the year, largely because it was profitable only overseas, where much of their profits were used for paying higher taxes, while continuing to lose money in North America.

A. where much of their profits were used for paying higher taxes, while continuing
B. where much of their profits went to pay higher taxes, as they continued
C. where much of its profit went to pay higher taxes, while it continued
D. with much of their profits going to pay higher taxes, while continuing
E. with much of the profit used for paying higher taxes, as it continued

Option A - Incorrect
"Their profits" is incorrect because "the computer company" is singular.

Option B - Incorrect
"Their profits" is incorrect because "the computer company" is singular.

Option C - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Uses singular 'it'.

Option D - Incorrect
"Their profits" is incorrect because "the computer company" is singular. The modifier "with much of their profits going to pay higher taxes" does NOT in any meaningful way describe "it was profitable only overseas".

Option E - Incorrect
The modifier "with much of the profits used for paying higher taxes" does NOT in any meaningful way describe "it was profitable only overseas".

Question 34
OA - A
According to public health officials, in 1998 Massachusetts became the first state in which more babies were born to women over the age of thirty than under it.

A. than
B. than born
C. than they were
D. than there had been
E. than had been born

**Option A – Correct answer**

This sentence is parallel – “more babies were born to women over the age of thirty than under it.”

**Option B – Incorrect**

“More babies were born to women over the age of thirty than born under it” – this implies that babies were born under age of 30. Illogical.

**Option C – Incorrect**

“More babies were born to women over the age of thirty than they were under it” – also suggests that babies were born under age of 30. Illogical.

**Option D – Incorrect**

“There had been born under it” – who had been born? Not clear. Moreover, usage of past perfect is incorrect.

**Option E – Incorrect**

Usage of past perfect “had been born” is incorrect. Also suggests that babies were born under age of 30. Illogical.

**Question 35**

OA - C
In January 1994 an oil barge ran aground off the coast of San Juan, Puerto Rico, leaking its cargo of 750,000 gallons into the ocean, while causing the pollution of the city’s beaches.

A. leaking its cargo of 750,000 gallons into the ocean, while causing the pollution of
B. with its cargo of 750,000 gallons leaking into the ocean, and it polluted
C. and its cargo of 750,000 gallons leaked into the ocean, polluting
D. while it leaked its cargo of 750,000 gallons into the ocean and caused the pollution of
E. so that its cargo of 750,000 gallons leaked into the ocean, and they were polluting

Option A – Incorrect

“Leaking its cargo … while causing the pollution of the city’s beaches” – note there is only a temporal relationship (= at the same time as) between these two. Whereas, it is clear from the context that the leak caused the pollution of the city’s beaches. Here, “leaking” and “causing pollution” both refer to “oil barge”. Incorrect. The barge itself did not cause the pollution, the act of “leaking” did.

Option B – Incorrect

“And it polluted …” – the pronoun “it” is redundant. Moreover, there should be a causal relationship between “leaked” and “polluted”. This option also suggests that the barge itself caused the pollution. Incorrect (the “leaking of cargo” did).

Option C – Correct answer

“Its cargo of 750,000 gallons leaked into the ocean, polluting the city’s beaches” – comma + ing modifier is used to indicate an effect of the main clause. (Note that “polluting” also refers to the subject “its cargo”. However, we must realize that “its cargo” is an indirect actor and that “polluting” is a direct and immediate consequence of “leaked into the ocean”).

Option D – Incorrect

“While” suggests simultaneity. This option suggests, ”While the barge was leaking its cargo ..., it ran aground”. Not the intended meaning.

“it leaked its cargo of 750,000 gallons into the ocean and caused the pollution of city’s beaches” – no causal relationship between “leaked” and “caused pollution”.

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This option also suggests that the barge itself caused the pollution. Not logical.

**Option E – Incorrect**

“So that” suggests that the barge ran aground in order to leak its cargo. Not logical.

The pronoun “they” does not have an antecedent. Finally, no causal relationship is indicated between “leaked” and “caused pollution”.

**Question 36**

**OA - B**

Finally reaching a decision on an issue that has long been politically charged in the Pacific Northwest, politicians decided to postpone by at least five years an ambitious plan to protect wild salmon and other endangered fish, instead of which they proposed a series of smaller steps, by which they intend to protect the fish.

A. politicians decided to postpone by at least five years an ambitious plan to protect wild salmon and other endangered fish, instead of which they proposed a series of smaller steps, by which they intend

B. politicians decided to postpone by at least five years an ambitious plan to protect wild salmon and other endangered fish, proposing instead a series of smaller steps intended

C. politicians decided to postpone by at least five years an ambitious plan for protecting wild salmon and other endangered fish, and instead they proposed a series of smaller steps, intending

D. an ambitious plan to protect wild salmon and other endangered fish was postponed by politicians, who instead proposed a series of smaller steps, intending

E. an ambitious plan to protect wild salmon and other endangered fish has been postponed by politicians, proposing instead a series of smaller steps intended

**Option A - Incorrect**

The relative pronoun, “which” does not have a logical antecedent. This option is also a run-on sentence – two independent clauses connected by a comma.

**Option C - Incorrect**
“And instead they proposed ...” – the pronoun “they” is redundant. “They proposed a series of smaller steps, intending to protect the fish”. “Intending” refers to “they”. However, it is not clear from the sentence what these “smaller steps” will do. This option does not answer the question – smaller steps designed to do what?

Option D – Incorrect

“Finally reaching ...” incorrectly refers to “an ambitious plan”. This option also does not answer the question – smaller steps designed to do what?

Option E – Incorrect

“Finally reaching ...” incorrectly refers to “an ambitious plan”. “Proposing instead a series of smaller steps ...” incorrectly refers to “an ambitious plan”.

Question 37

OA - B

The contractor and the engineer agree on the cause of the bridge failure, but both blame the other.
A. both blame the other
B. each blames the other
C. each blame the other person
D. both are blaming the other
E. each blames the other

Option A - Incorrect

When two parties are involved, the idiom to be used is ‘each other’.

Option C - Incorrect

‘Each’ requires the singular form of a verb.

Option D - Incorrect

The present tense will suffice. In addition, we need the idiom – ‘each other’.
Option E - Incorrect

‘Each blames one another’ – incorrect. ‘One another’ is used when more than two parties are involved.

Question 38

OA - E

A leading figure in the Scottish enlightenment, Adam Smith’s two major books are to democratic capitalism what Marx’s Das Kapital is to socialism.

A. Adam Smith’s two major books are to democratic capitalism what
B. Adam Smith’s two major books are to democratic capitalism like
C. Adam Smith’s two major books are to democratic capitalism just as
D. Adam Smith wrote two major books that are to democratic capitalism similar to
E. Adam Smith wrote two major books that are to democratic capitalism what

Option A - Incorrect

‘A leading figure … ’ Incorrectly modifies 'two major books'. This is incorrect.

Option B - Incorrect

‘A leading figure … ’ Incorrectly modifies 'two major books'. This is incorrect. Use of 'like' is incorrect. 'Like' should always be followed by a noun or noun clause.

Option C - Incorrect

‘A leading figure … ’ incorrectly modifies 'two major books'. This is incorrect. 'Just as' is not the correct idiom here.

Option D - Incorrect

Similar to' must be followed by a noun, not a clause. "Similar to" also seems to modify "democratic capitalism".

Option E - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. The modifier is correctly structured and placed. Also, note the idiomatic structure.

**Question 39**

**OA - A**

A surge in new home sales and a drop in weekly unemployment claims suggest that the economy might not be as weak as some analysts previously thought.

A. claims suggest that the economy might not be as weak as some analysts previously thought
B. claims suggests that the economy might not be so weak as some analysts have previously thought
C. claims suggest that the economy might not be as weak as have been previously thought by some analysts
D. claims, suggesting about the economy that it might not be so weak as previously thought by some analysts
E. claims, suggesting the economy might not be as weak as previously thought to be by some Analysts

**Option A - Correct Answer**

CORRECT ANSWER. Subject and Verb agree. It is concise.

**Option B - Incorrect**

The plural subject 'Surge in Sales and Drop in unemployment' should have plural verb 'suggest', not singular verb 'suggests'. "So weak as" is unidiomatic.

**Option C - Incorrect**

Plural 'have' cannot refer to singular 'economy'. "By some analysts" suggests passive voice. The sentence then reads - "as weak as the economy was previously thought by some analysts". We need the infinitive "to be" to make the meaning clear - "as weak as the economy was previously thought to be by some analysts".

**Option D - Incorrect**
'So weak as' construction is unidiomatic. This is a sentence fragment as it does not have an active verb. "By some analysts" suggests passive voice. The sentence then reads - "as weak as the economy was previously thought by some analysts". We need the infinitive "to be" to make the meaning clear - "as weak as the economy was previously thought to be by some analysts".

**Option E - Incorrect**

'As weak as' construction is not maintained. This is a sentence fragment as it does not have an active verb.

**Question 40**

**OA - E**

In Scotland, the number of wild salmon have been reduced because of uncontrolled deep-sea and coastal netting, by pollution, and by various other threats to the fish’s habitat.
A. number of wild salmon have been reduced because of uncontrolled deep-sea and coastal netting
B. number of wild salmon is reduced because deep-sea and coastal netting is not controlled
C. numbers of wild salmon has been reduced because of uncontrolled deep-sea and coastal netting
D. wild salmon’s numbers are reduced by deep-sea and coastal netting that is not controlled
E. wild salmon’s numbers have been reduced by uncontrolled deep-sea and coastal netting

**Option A - Incorrect**

There are multiple issues here. Because of .... Coastal netting, by pollution and by various other threats are not parallel. The number of wild salmon is singular. Hence, usage of 'have been' is incorrect.

**Option B - Incorrect**

"Because ..." is not parallel to "by ...." The usage of present tense "is reduced" is incorrect. Present tense is used for general truths and states that are true right now
(not events/actions). If an action/event is happening right now, we use the present continuous. "In Scotland, the number of salmon is reduced by pollution" implies that this is a general truth in Scotland - Not the intended meaning.

Option C - Incorrect
"The numbers" does not agree with the verb "has". "Because of" is not parallel to "by ...

Option D - Incorrect
'Are reduced' is the wrong tense here. We are not stating a general truth but a past event. 'That is not controlled' should be 'That are not controlled' since 'and' connects two nouns.

Option E - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Parallelism is maintained. Subject verb agreement is correct

Question 41
OA - E
Many of the earliest known images of Hindu deities in India date from the time of the Kushan empire, fashioned either from the spotted sandstone of Mathura or Gandharan grey schist.
A. empire, fashioned either from the spotted sandstone of Mathura or
B. empire, fashioned from either the spotted sandstone of Mathura or from
C. empire, either fashioned from the spotted sandstone of Mathura or
D. empire and either fashioned from the spotted sandstone of Mathura or from
E. empire and were fashioned either from the spotted sandstone of Mathura or from

Option A - Incorrect
The modifier 'fashioned either ... of Mathura' incorrectly modifies empire. It should modify 'images'. "Either from spotted sandstone" is not parallel to "or Gandharan"

Option B - Incorrect
The modifier ‘fashioned either … of Mathura’ incorrectly modifies empire. It should modify 'images'. 'From either ... or from' is not parallel.

**Option C - Incorrect**

The modifier "either fashioned from ..." modifies empire. It should modify 'images'. 'Either fashioned from ... or Gandharan...' is not parallel.

**Option D - Incorrect**

"And either fashioned from ..." does not have a verb. "Fashioned" is a modifier, not a verb. 'Either fashioned from ... or from Gandharan...' is not parallel.

**Option E - Correct Answer**

CORRECT ANSWER. Uses 'and were' correctly. 'Either from the spotted ... or from Gandharan ...' is parallel.

**Question 42**

**OA - E**

In contrast to environmentalists’ proposals to limit emissions of certain pollutants, the administration proposed calling for mandatory restrictions of only three such pollutants from power plants-mercury, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides-and the plan would delay such cuts until 2010 or later.

A. administration proposed calling for mandatory restriction of
B. administration proposed a call for mandatory restrictions, including those for
C. administration, proposing mandatory restrictions on
D. administration’s proposal was a call for mandatory restrictions, which include
E. administration’s proposal would call for mandatory restrictions on

**Option A - Incorrect**

'Proposals' is incorrectly compared with 'administration'.

**Option B - Incorrect**
'Proposals' is incorrectly compared with 'administration'. This is a sentence fragment. It has no active verb. "Including restrictions (those) for" is unidiomatic. We do not have restrictions for the sake of pollutants, but on them.

Option C - Incorrect

'Proposals' is incorrectly compared with 'administration'. This is a sentence fragment.

Option D - Incorrect

'Pollutants from power plants, sulfur dioxide' are not restrictions. Restrictions need to be placed on them. The meaning of the sentence is distorted.

Option E - Correct Answer

Correct Answer.

Question 43

OA - D

Scientists have recently discovered that the ultrathin, layered construction of a butterfly’s wings, the same as the one making some butterflies shimmer via the phenomenon of iridescence, are enabling the insect to control how much heat energy is absorbed by its wings and how much is reflected away.

A. wings, the same as the one making some butterflies shimmer via the phenomenon of iridescence, are enabling
B. wings, which is the same one that makes some butterflies shimmer via the phenomenon of iridescence, that also enables
C. wings is the same as the one that makes some butterflies shimmer via the phenomenon of iridescence, enabling
D. wings—the same construction that makes some butterflies shimmer via the phenomenon of iridescence—also enables
E. wings—of the same construction that makes some butterflies shimmer via the phenomenon of iridescence—also enable

Option A - Incorrect
The singular verb 'is' should be used to refer to the singular subject 'construction'. We use the simple present to talk about general truths. Hence, "are enabling" is incorrect.

**Option B - Incorrect**

"That the ultrathin that also enables ...." Note that "that" must be followed by a clause. The first "that" is not.

**Option C - Incorrect**

The modifier "enabling the butterfly to control how heat energy is absorbed and reflected away" does not make sense with the main clause "makes them shimmer via iridescence" as the modifier has no bearing on HOW it makes butterflies shimmer.

**Option D - Correct Answer**

CORRECT ANSWER. Use of '-' is correct. Correct number agreement.

**Option E - Incorrect**

Singular 'construction' should have singular 'enables'. The dash functions as a high-level comma. The sentence then reads - "layered construction of a butterfly's wings, of the same construction that makes some shimmer ...." Parallelism (because of the appositive phrase) suggests this - "layered construction of the same construction that makes some shimmer ...." Incorrect.

**Question 44**

**OA - B**

By recording the noise of crinkled wrappers as they were slowly stretched out in an otherwise silent chamber, and then digitizing and analyzing the sound emissions on computers, a team of scientists found the noise not continuous but consisted of individual bursts or pops just thousandths of a second long.

A. digitizing and analyzing the sound emissions on computers, a team of scientists found the noise not
B. digitizing and analyzing the sound emissions on computers, a team of scientists
found that the noise was not
C. digitizing and analyzing the sound emissions on computers, a team of scientists found the noise not to be
D. the sound emissions were digitized and analyzed on computers, a team of scientists found that the noise was not
E. the sound emissions were digitized and analyzed on computers, a team of scientists found the noise not to be

**Option A - Incorrect**
"Continuous" is not parallel to "consisted of individual ...." The first is an adjective whereas "consisted ..." is a verb. To see why it is a verb write the sentence - "noise consisted of individual bursts ..." - "noise" is the subject and "consisted" is the verb.

**Option B - Correct Answer**
Correct

**Option C - Incorrect**
"But" requires parallelism. "Found the noise not to be continuous but [found the noise to be] consisted of individual bursts ...." Illogical. Moreover, "to be" is redundant as removing it does not change the meaning of the sentence.

**Option D - Incorrect**
"By recording ..." refers to "the sound emissions". This is also a run-on sentence. Two sentences connected by a comma. "The sound emissions were digitized ..." - by whom?

**Option E - Incorrect**
"By recording ..." refers to "the sound emissions". This is also a run-on sentence. Two sentences connected by a comma. "The sound emissions were digitized ..." - by whom? Moreover, "to be" is redundant as removing it does not change the meaning of the sentence. "But" requires parallelism. "Found the noise not to be continuous but [found the noise to be] consisted of individual bursts ...."
Hans Christian Andersen wrote fairy tales, which have been some of the most frequently translated works in literary history, while he wrote plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies, which remained almost unknown outside his native Denmark.

A. Hans Christian Andersen wrote fairy tales, which have been some of the most frequently translated works in literary history, while he wrote plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies, which remained
B. Hans Christian Andersen wrote fairy tales, which, while among the most frequently translated works in literary history, his plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies remain
C. Even as Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales have been among the most frequently translated works in literary history, still his plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies remain
D. Unlike the fairy tales written by Hans Christian Andersen, which are some of the most frequently translated works in literary history, he wrote plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies, which remained
E. Although Hans Christian Andersen wrote fairy tales that are among the most frequently translated works in literary history, his plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies, remain

Option A - Incorrect
The sentence reads, "Hans wrote fairy tales while he wrote plays, poems ..." - Not contrasting ideas.

Option B - Incorrect
"Fairy tales, which his plays, novels, poems, and travel books, as well as several autobiographies remain almost unknown" - "which" incorrectly refers to "fairy tales". Does not make sense.

Option C - Incorrect
"Even as" does not indicate contrast but is used indicate simultaneity.
Option D - Incorrect

“His fairy tales” are compared with “him”. Wrong.

Option E - Correct Answer

Correct Answer. Note the tenses "are the most translated" and "remain almost unknown". If we say "have remained/remained" it becomes incorrect. Usage of such tenses implies that those situations are no longer true. Hence, no contrast will then be implied.

Question 46

OA - E

Although the turtle has been toothless for more than 150 million years, in some contemporary turtle species the moderately sharp and jagged edges of their horny jaws function for teeth.
A. their horny jaws function for teeth
B. its horny jaws function for teeth
C. its horny jaws function as do teeth
D. the horny jaws function as teeth do
E. the horny jaws function as teeth

Option A - Incorrect

'Function for' is unidiomatic.

Option B - Incorrect

'Function for' is unidiomatic. 'Its' refers to the 'turtle', whereas it must refer to 'some contemporary species'.

Option C - Incorrect

“Its” refers to the 'turtle', whereas it must refer to 'some contemporary species'. 'As do teeth' is incorrect. It means that horny jaws function exactly the way teeth do.
Option D - Incorrect

'Function as teeth do' is incorrect. It means that horny jaws function exactly the way teeth do.

Option E - Correct Answer

Correct answer.

Question 47

OA - A

Many environmentalists, and some economists, say that free trade encourages industry to relocate to countries with ineffective or poorly enforced antipollution laws, mostly in the developing world, and that, in order to maintain competitiveness, rich nations have joined this downward slide toward more lax attitudes about pollution.

A. that, in order to maintain competitiveness, rich nations have joined this downward slide toward more lax attitudes about pollution
B. that, for maintaining competitiveness, rich nations join in this downward slide toward more lax attitudes about pollution
C. that rich nations join this downward slide toward more lax attitudes about pollution because of wanting to maintain competitiveness
D. that in rich nations, joining this downward slide toward more lax attitudes about pollution is a result of wanting to maintain competition
E. that wanting to maintain competition is making rich nations join in this downward slide toward an attitude about pollution that is more lax

Option A - Correct Answer

Correct answer.

Option B - Incorrect

"Say that rich nations join in this downward slide towards more lax attitude about pollution" - We cannot use command subjunctive with the verb "say".

Option C - Incorrect
"Because of wanting" is unidiomatic. "Many rich nations join this downward trend ..." - note that we do not want to express a general truth here but talk about a recent phenomenon. "Have joined" makes more sense.

**Option D - Incorrect**
Unacceptable shift in meaning. This option no longer suggests that rich nations have joined this trend. Rather this gives a reason why this trend happens IN rich nations. We do not know who has joined the trend IN rich nations. "Wanting to maintain competition" is not the same as wanting to maintain "competitiveness".

**Option E - Incorrect**
"Maintaining competition" is very different from "maintaining competitiveness".

**Question 48**
**OA - A**
The continental United States receives an average of 30 inches of precipitation a year; transpiration from soil and from plants returns approximately 21 of the 30 inches to the atmosphere, while the balance of 9 inches contributes to the flow of streams and rivers.
A. transpiration from soil and from plants returns approximately 21 of the 30 inches to the atmosphere, while the balance of 9 inches contributes to the flow
B. even though transpiration from soil and from plants returns approximately 21 of the 30 inches to the atmosphere, the remainder of 9 inches contribute to the flowing
C. although transpiration from soil and from plants return approximately 21 of the 30 inches to the atmosphere, the balance of 9 inches contribute to the flow
D. with transpiration from soil and from plants to return approximately 21 inches to the atmosphere, the rest of the 9 inches contributes to the flow
E. as transpiration from soil and from plants return approximately 21 of the 30 inches to the atmosphere, the rest of the 9 inches contribute to the flow

**Option A - Correct Answer**
Correct answer
Option B - Incorrect
"The remainder of 9 inches contribute" - the subject and verb do not agree. The contrast indicator "even though" does not make much sense here (because there does not seem to be a contrast - 21 inches return to atmosphere AND 9 inches contribute to the flow of rivers)

Option C - Incorrect
"Transpiration from soil and from plants return" - the subject and verb do not agree. "The balance of 9 inches contribute" - the subject and verb do not agree. The contrast indicator "although" does not make much sense here (because there does not seem to be a contrast - 21 inches return to atmosphere AND 9 inches contribute to the flow of rivers)

Option D - Incorrect
"With transpiration to return 21 inches" - this seems to imply that transpiration has an OBLIGATION/is EXPECTED to return 21 inches. Incorrect. Moreover, the modifier "with transpiration to return 21 inches ..." does not make sense as it seems to describe HOW "the rest of 9 inches contributes to the flow ...". "The rest of the 9 inches" - refers to what is left of the 9 inches. Incorrect. We need to say "the rest of the 21 inches".

Option E - Incorrect
"The rest of the 9 inches contribute" - the subject and verb do not agree. "Transpiration from soil and from plants return" - subject and verb do not agree.

Question 49
OA - A
Research has shown that when speaking, individuals who have been blind from birth and have thus never seen anyone gesture nonetheless make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way as sighted people do, and that they will gesture even when conversing with another blind person.
A. have thus never seen anyone gesture nonetheless make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way as sighted people do, and that
B. have thus never seen anyone gesture but nonetheless make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way that sighted people do, and
C. have thus never seen anyone gesture, that they nonetheless make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way as sighted people do, and
D. thus they have never seen anyone gesture, but nonetheless they make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way that sighted people do, and that
E. thus they have never seen anyone gesture nonetheless make hand motions just as frequently and in the same way that sighted people do, and

Option A - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Parallelism is maintained.

Option B - Incorrect
"Shown that" must be followed by a clause. In this case, it is "individuals + one giant modifier".

Option C - Incorrect
"Shown that" must be followed by a clause. If we ignore the "who" modifier, the structure is this -- "shown that when speaking, individuals, that they nevertheless make hand gestures ...." Not a clause. In addition, "that" should not be preceded by commas.

Option D - Incorrect
"Thus they have never seen anyone gesture" cannot be parallel to a noun phrase -- "individuals + who-modifier".

Option E - Incorrect
"Thus they have never seen anyone gesture" cannot be parallel to a noun phrase -- "individuals + who-modifier".

Question 50
OA - A
Although the restaurant company has recently added many new restaurants across the country and its sales have increased dramatically, its sales at restaurants open for more than a year have declined.

A. the restaurant company has recently added many new restaurants across the country and its sales have increased dramatically, its
B. the restaurant company has recently added many new restaurants across the country and its sales increased dramatically, its
C. many new restaurants have recently been opened across the country and its sales increased dramatically, the restaurant company’s
D. having recently added many new restaurants across the country and with its sales increasing dramatically, the restaurant company’s
E. recently adding many new restaurants across the country and having its sales increase dramatically, the restaurant company’s

Option A – Correct answer
Indicates the contrast present clearly.

Option B – Incorrect
“Sales increased” happened before “has recently added many new restaurants” and “sales at restaurants open for more than a year have declined” – not logical.

Option C – Incorrect
“Many new restaurants have recently been opened across the country” – by whom? Not clear.

“Its sales increased dramatically” – the antecedent for “its” occurs after the pronoun is mentioned. Not ideal. Furthermore, this option implies that “increased” happened before “has recently added” and “have declined”. Not logical.

Option D – Incorrect
“Having recently added” should have modified “the restaurant company”, not its sales. “And with its sales increasing dramatically” – not parallel.
**Option E – Incorrect**

“Although recently adding many new restaurants and having its sales increase dramatically” should have modified “the restaurant company”, not “the restaurant company’s sales”.

**Question 51**

**OA - A**

In an effort to reduce the number of fires started by cigarettes, a major tobacco company is test-marketing a cigarette in which thin layers of extra paper are used to decrease the amount of oxygen entering the cigarette, thereby slowing the rate at which it burns and lowering the heat it generates.

A. in which thin layers of extra paper are used to decrease the amount of oxygen entering the cigarette, thereby slowing
B. in which they use thin layers of extra paper in decreasing the amount of oxygen entering the cigarette, which slows
C. that uses thin layers of extra paper to decrease the amount of oxygen when it enters the cigarette, thereby slowing
D. for which thin layers of extra paper are used to decrease the amount of oxygen that enters the cigarette, and thereby slowing
E. using thin layers of extra paper in decreasing the amount of oxygen entering the cigarette, which slows

**Option A – Correct answer**

“Thereby slowing the rate at which it burns …” is a comma + -ing modifier that refers to “thin layers of extra paper”.

**Option B – Incorrect**

The pronoun “they” has no referent. “**Slows** the rate at which it burns and **lowering** the heat it generates” – not parallel.

“In decreasing the amount of oxygen” does not make sense because “use of thin layers of extra paper” is not an actual part of/does not happen during the process of the decrease.

“Which” refers to the cigarette. Illogical.
Option C – Incorrect

“Thereby slowing ...” refers to “oxygen [it]”.

Usage of “when” also does not make sense here. This option says – “when oxygen enters the cigarette, the thin layers decrease the amount of oxygen” – decrease where? In the cigarette? This does not make sense because it implies that when oxygen enters it reduces the amount of oxygen already present in the cigarette.

Option D – Incorrect

“And thereby slowing ...” is not parallel to anything else.

“Cigarette for which thin layers of extra paper are used” – implies that “thin layers of paper” are not part of the cigarette itself but are purchased separately “to decrease the amount of oxygen that enters the cigarette”.

Option E – Incorrect

“In decreasing the amount of oxygen” does not make sense because “use of thin layers of extra paper” is not an actual part of/does not happen during the process of the decrease.

“Which” refers to the cigarette. Illogical.

Question 52

OA - A

Socially and environmentally responsible investing is on the rise: last year in the United States, over $2 trillion was invested in funds that screen companies according to a variety of criteria such as adherence to labor standards, protection of the environment, and observance of human rights.

A. according to a variety of criteria such as
B. according to a variety of such criteria, as by
C. according to such a variety of criteria as by
D. in accordance with such a variety of criteria as
E. in accordance with a variety of criteria, such as by
Option A – Correct answer
“According to a variety of criteria …” modifies the action “screen movies”.

Option B - Incorrect
The phrase “such criteria as by” is unidiomatic.

Option C – Incorrect
“Such a variety of criteria as by” is unidiomatic. Moreover, “such a variety ...as/that” implies that “variety” itself is remarkable. For example – “It was such a quick storm that it passed by in one week.” – suggests a remarkable effect. No such thing is implied in the original sentence.

Option D – Incorrect
“Such a variety ...as/that” implies that “variety” itself is remarkable. No such thing is implied in the original sentence.

Option E – Incorrect
“Such as by” – is unidiomatic.

Question 53
OA - D
Turning away from literary realism to write romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, in 1909 Selma Lagerlöf was the novelist who became the first woman and was also the first Swedish writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.
A. Turning away from literary realism to write romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, in 1909 Selma Lagerlöf was the novelist who became the first woman and was also the first Swedish writer to win
B. She turned away from literary realism and wrote romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, and novelist Selma Lagerlöf in 1909 became the first woman as well as the first Swedish writer that won

C. Selma Lagerlöf was a novelist who turned away from literary realism to write romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, and in 1909 she became the first woman in addition to the first Swedish writer winning

D. A novelist who turned away from literary realism to write romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, Selma Lagerlöf became in 1909 the first woman and also the first Swedish writer to win

E. As a novelist, Selma Lagerlöf turned away from literary realism and wrote romantic stories about the peasant life and landscape of northern Sweden, in 1909 becoming the first woman and also the first Swedish writer that won

Option A - Incorrect

The modifier “turning away from literary realism …” should have been immediately followed by “Selma Lagerlöf”. The intervening modifier “in 1909” makes this sentence incorrect. Note that “in 1909” is not an essential modifier to “Selma Lagerlöf”, but to the verb phrase -- “was the novelist who became ...” Hence, the initial modifier refers to “in 1909”.

This sentence implies – SL was the novelist who 1) Became the first woman AND 2) WAS the first Swedish writer to win the Nobel Prize for literature. Clearly, nonsense. If the option read, “in 1909, SL became the first woman and the first Swedish writer to win the Nobel Prize”, it would have been much better.

Parallelism dictates this structure – “in 1909 SL was also the first Swedish writer to win the Nobel Prize for literature”. This carries the implication that in other years she probably was not the first Swedish writer to win the Nobel Prize for literature.

Option B - Incorrect

Using “and” implies that these two ideas – “she turned away from literary realism” and “Selma Lagerlöf became the first woman that won ...” – are not related. Also, seems to imply that we are dealing with two different people.

“Swedish writer that won” – we cannot use “that” to refer to people.

Option C – Incorrect
“She became the first woman winning the Nobel Prize” – is not idiomatic. We need to use “to win the Nobel Prize”.

**Option E – Incorrect**

“Swedish writer that won” – we cannot use “that” to refer to people.

“Becoming the first woman and also the first Swedish writer that won the Nobel Prize in literature” is neither an effect nor a description/subordinator of the action in the main clause – “SL turned away from literary realism and wrote romantic stories about peasant life”.

“As a novelist, she turned away from literary realism” – implies that in the role of a novelist, she turned away from literary realism but before becoming a novelist, she focused on literary realism. Does not make a lot of sense.

**Question 54**

**OA - E**

Although women’s wages are improving, Department of Labor statistics show that the ratio of their earnings with that of men have been roughly static since 1960.

A. with that of men have been  
B. to that of men are  
C. to those of men have been  
D. with those of men is  
E. to those of men has been

**Option A – Incorrect**

“Ratio” is singular. “Ratio of X with Y” is unidiomatic. “Ratio of X to Y” is the correct idiom.

**Option B – Incorrect**

The pronoun “that” cannot refer to the plural noun “earnings”. “Ratio + are” is incorrect. Finally, we need to use the present perfect tense to refer to something that started in the past and has continued to the present (since 1960).
Option C – Incorrect

“Ratio” is singular.

Option D – Incorrect

“Ratio of X with Y” is unidiomatic. In addition, we need to use the present perfect tense to refer to something that started in the past and has continued to the present (since 1960).

Question 55

OA - D

Section 301 of the 1988 Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act enables the United States Trade Representative to single out a country as an unfair trader, begin trade negotiations with that country, and, if the negotiations do not conclude by the United States government’s being satisfied, to impose sanctions.

A. by the United States government’s being satisfied, to impose
B. by the United States government’s satisfaction, impose
C. with the United States government’s being satisfied, imposing
D. to the United States government’s satisfaction, impose
E. to the United States government’s satisfaction, imposing

Option A - Incorrect

Not parallel - “to single – begin – to impose”. “Conclude by the United States government’s being satisfied” is unidiomatic.

Option B – Incorrect

“Conclude by the United States government’s satisfaction” is unidiomatic. Seems to suggest that “US government’s satisfaction” is a method employed to conclude negotiations.

Option C – Incorrect

Not parallel - “to single – begin – imposing”. 
Option E – Incorrect

Not parallel - “to single – begin – imposing”.

Question 56

OA - A

As a result of a supernova explosion, every human being on Earth was bombarded on February 23, 1987, by about 100 billion neutrinos; fortunately, neutrinos are harmless elementary particles that are produced in nuclear reactions and that interact very weakly with matter.

A. neutrinos are harmless elementary particles that are produced in nuclear reactions and that

B. neutrinos, which are harmless, are elementary particles produced in nuclear reactions and which

C. neutrinos are harmless elementary particles produced in nuclear reactions and which

D. these harmless elementary particles are produced in nuclear reactions, and neutrinos

E. these elementary particles, harmless products of nuclear reactions, are neutrinos that

Option B – Incorrect

Not parallel - “are harmless...” vs. “and which...”

Option C – Incorrect

Not parallel - "are harmless..." vs. "and which..."

Option D – Incorrect

“These harmless elementary particles are produced in nuclear reactions, and neutrinos” – here “neutrinos” is redundant; removing it does not affect the intended meaning.

Option E – Incorrect
"Neutrinos that interact very weakly with matter" – suggests that some neutrinos DO interact strongly with matter. Not logical.

**Question 57**

**OA - D**

Such orb-weaving spiders like the argiope build webs in an essentially wheel-like structure, with an outer rim and a number of spokes emanating from the hub.

A. Such orb-weaving spiders like the argiope build webs in an essentially wheel-like structure
B. Such orb-weaving spiders as the argiope builds webs with what is essentially a wheel-like structure
C. The argiope spider, in the same way as other orb-weaving spiders, build webs in a structure that is essentially wheel-like
D. Orb-weaving spiders such as the argiope build webs that are essentially wheel-like
E. Like other orb-weaving spiders do, the argiope builds webs as essentially wheel-like

**Option A - Incorrect**

"Such orb weaving spiders like" – not idiomatic.

"Such orb-weaving spiders like the argiope" – here the focus is on "orb-weaving". We are referring ONLY to a subset of orb-weaving spiders: ones that are similar to the argiope.

**Option B – Incorrect**

"Such orb-weaving spiders as the argiope builds" – the subject "orb-weaving spiders" does not agree with the singular "builds" (we are referring to a group of orb-weaving spiders similar to the argiope).

"Such orb-weaving spiders as the argiope" – here the focus is on "orb-weaving". We are referring ONLY to a subset of orb-weaving spiders: ones that are similar to the argiope.

"Builds webs with what is essentially a wheel-like structure". This suggests that the spiders use some sort of a "tool" to build their webs – a tool resembling a wheel.
Option C – Incorrect
“The argiope spider + build” – subject and verb do not agree in number.

Option D – Incorrect
“Orb-weaving spiders such as the argiope” – here the focus is on “spiders”. The argiope is only an example of “orb-weaving spiders”.

Option E – Incorrect
“Like other orb-weaving spiders do” – ”like” cannot be followed by a preposition.
“Like essentially wheel-like” – “as” used as a preposition generally implies function/role. Does not make sense.

Question 58
OA - B

Building on civilizations that preceded them in coastal Peru, the Mochica developed their own elaborate society, based on cultivating such crops like corn and beans, the harvesting of fish and shellfish, and exploiting other wild and domestic resources.
A. based on cultivating such crops like corn and beans, the harvesting of fish and shellfish, and exploiting
B. based on the cultivation of such crops as corn and beans, the harvesting of fish and seafood, and the exploitation of
C. and basing it on the cultivation of crops like corn and beans, harvesting fish and seafood, and the exploiting of
D. and they based it on their cultivation of crops such as corn and beans, the harvest of fish and seafood, and exploiting
E. and they based it on their cultivating such crops like corn and beans, their harvest of fish and shellfish, and they exploited

Option A - Incorrect
Incorrect usage of 'like'. 'Such as' needs to be used to give examples. 'Cultivating', 'The harvesting' and 'exploiting' are not parallel.
Option B - Correct Answer

CORRECT ANSWER. 'Cultivation', 'the harvesting' and 'exploitation of' are parallel. Note that we can have action nouns such as "cultivation/exploitation" in parallel to complex gerunds such as "the harvesting" but not in parallel to simple gerunds such as "harvesting".

Option C - Incorrect

Incorrect usage of 'like'. 'Such' as needs to be used to give examples. "and" requires parallelism. "basing it on" is not parallel to anything. "cultivation", "harvesting", and "the exploiting" are not parallel. Also, note that the GMAT prefers the action form of the noun - "exploitation" to the gerund form - "exploiting".

Option D - Incorrect

Cultivation', 'harvest', and 'exploiting' are not parallel. Usage of "their" - "their cultivation" - is not required and also breaks the parallelism with "the harvest" and "exploiting".

Option E - Incorrect

Cultivating', 'harvest' and 'they exploited' are not parallel. We use "such + as" to introduce examples, not "such + like". Usage of "their" is redundant.

Question 59

OA - D

The Quechuans believed that all things participated in both the material level and the mystical level of reality, and many individual Quechuans claimed to have contact with it directly with an ichana (dream) experience.

A. contact with it directly with
B. direct contact with it by way of
C. contact with the last directly through
D. direct contact with the latter by means of
E. contact directly with the mystical level due to
Option A - Incorrect
"Contact with it directly with ..." is incorrect. "It" cannot refer to the plural compound noun "physical and spiritual level"

Option B - Incorrect
Note that "directly" modifies the prepositional phrase "with an ichana". We are not sure whether the contact is direct, but the means of achieving contact is direct. We need to use the preposition "by" to indicate a method. "It" cannot refer to the plural compound noun "physical and spiritual level"

Option C - Incorrect
Usage of 'last' is incorrect. 'Latter' should be used with two things. Also, note that "directly" modifies "with an ichana". We are not sure whether the contact is direct, but the means of achieving contact is direct.

Option D - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Removed pronoun ambiguity.

Option E - Incorrect
Usage of 'due to' is wrong. This option states that the mystical level is due to an ichana.

Question 60
OA - A
Floating in the waters of the equatorial Pacific, an array of buoys collects and transmits data on long-term interactions between the ocean and the atmosphere, interactions that affect global climate.
A. atmosphere, interactions that affect
B. atmosphere, with interactions affecting
C. atmosphere that affects
D. atmosphere that is affecting
E. atmosphere as affects
Option A - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Absolute modifier has been used correctly.

Option B - Incorrect
The prepositional phrase "with interactions ..." serves as an adverbial modifier to "collects and transmits". This usage is incorrect as the modifier has no bearing on those verbs.

Option C - Incorrect
"Affects" does not agree with the plural noun "interactions".

Option D - Incorrect
Singular 'is' cannot refer to plural 'interactions'. We do not use present continuous to state general truths. Use simple present instead.

Option E - Incorrect
'As' is incorrectly used.

Question 61
OA - E
The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) had long been expected to announce a reduction in output to bolster sagging oil prices, but officials of the organization just recently announced that the group will pare daily production by 1.5 million barrels by the beginning of next year, but only if non-OPEC nations, including Norway, Mexico, and Russia, were to trim output by a total of 500,000 barrels a day.
A. year, but only if non-OPEC nations, including Norway, Mexico, and Russia, were to trim output
B. year, but only if the output of non-OPEC nations, which includes Norway, Mexico, and Russia, is trimmed
C. year only if the output of non-OPEC nations, including Norway, Mexico, and Russia, would be trimmed
D. year only if non-OPEC nations, which includes Norway, Mexico, and Russia, were trimming output
E. year only if non-OPEC nations, including Norway, Mexico, and Russia, trim output

**Option A - Incorrect**

The condition implied is this - "only if non-OPEC nations ..., the group will pare ...." The usage of "but" is incorrect. Also, note that the hypothetical subjunctive requires the use of "would", not "will". Also, note that commas must not separate subordinate clauses ("if") that are placed at the end of sentences.

**Option B - Incorrect**

The usage of "but" is incorrect. The usage of passive voice - "is trimmed" - implies that someone else will be responsible for reducing the output of non-OPEC nations, not those countries themselves.

**Option C - Incorrect**

Note that we cannot use future tenses such as "would" in conditional clauses. "Would be trimmed" is a passive construction - implies that someone else will be responsible for reducing the output of non-OPEC nations, not those countries themselves.

**Option D - Incorrect**

"Were trimming" implies an unreal situation - that is non-OPEC countries are NOT trimming their output now. Then the use of "future real" tense "will pare" is incorrect. We need the hypothetical "would".

**Option E - Correct Answer**

CORRECT ANSWER. Note that there is no comma before "only if". "Trim + will pare" are compatible. (if X happens, Y will happen)

**Question 62**

**OA - E**
Unlike the many winter greens that have tough leaves and thus require a lengthy cooking time, those of escarole need little or no cooking.

Option A - Incorrect
"Those" does not have an antecedent. We need to compare wintergreens to escarole.

Option B - Incorrect
Correct Answer. Proper comparison.

Option C - Incorrect
"Tough leaves" are compared to "escarole" - Incorrect.

Option D - Incorrect
"Requirement" is also compared to "leaves (those) of escarole" - Incorrect.

Option E - Correct Answer
"Cooking time" is compared to "escarole"

Question 63
OA - C
According to United States census data, while there was about one-third of mothers with young children working outside the home in 1975, in 2000, almost two-thirds of those mothers were employed outside the home.
A. while there was about one-third of mothers with young children working outside the home in 1975, in 2000, almost two-thirds of those mothers were employed outside the home
B. there were about one-third of mothers with young children who worked outside the home in 1975; in 2000, almost two-thirds of those mothers were employed outside the home
C. in 1975 about one-third of mothers with young children worked outside the home; in 2000, almost two-thirds of such mothers were employed outside the home
D. even though in 1975 there were about one-third of mothers with young children who worked outside the home, almost two-thirds of such mothers were employed outside the home in 2000
E. with about one-third of mothers with young children working outside the home in 1975, almost two-thirds of such mothers were employed outside the home in 2000

Option A - Incorrect
The sentence is essentially meaningless. "There was one third of mothers with young children + Modifier". If we rewrite this we get - "one third of mothers with young children were there". In addition, singular 'was' cannot refer to plural 'one-third of mothers'. 'Those' in the second part of the sentence incorrectly refer to mothers in 1975. This distorts the meaning of the sentence. Furthermore, "working outside home in 1975" refers to "young children".

Option B - Incorrect
The sentence is essentially meaningless. "There was one third of mothers with young children + Modifier". If we rewrite this we get - "one third of mothers with young children were there". In addition, 'those' in the second part of the sentence incorrectly refer to mothers in 1975. This distorts the meaning of the sentence. Furthermore, "who worked outside home in 1975" refers to "young children".

Option C - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Removes ambiguity.
Option D - Incorrect

The sentence is essentially meaningless. "There were one third of mothers with young children + Modifier". If we rewrite this we get - "one third of mothers with young children were there". Furthermore, "who worked outside home in 1975" refers to "young children".

Option E - Incorrect

"Working outside home in 1975" refers to "young children". In addition, this sentence does not make any sense - "with about 1/3rd of mothers ... in 1975, almost 2/3rd of such mothers were employed outside the home in 2000". The modifier has absolutely no relationship to the main clause.

Question 64

OA - C

In the past several years, astronomers have detected more than 80 massive planets, most of them as large or larger than Jupiter, which circle other stars.
A. most of them as large or larger than Jupiter, which circle
B. most of them as large or larger than Jupiter and circling
C. most of them at least as large as Jupiter, circling
D. mostly at least as large as Jupiter, which circle
E. mostly as large or larger than Jupiter, circling

Option A - Incorrect

'Which' modifies Jupiter. The correct idiom is 'as large as'. 'as large than' is incorrect.

Option B - Incorrect

'And circling' is not parallel. The correct idiom is 'as large as'. 'as large than' is incorrect.

Option C - Correct Answer

Correct answer.
**Option D - Incorrect**

'Mostly ...' is an adverb. Hence, it cannot modify '80 massive planets'. The usage of 'which' is incorrect.

**Option E - Incorrect**

'Mostly ...' is an adverb and thus cannot modify '80 massive planets'. 'as large than' is incorrect.

**Question 65**

**OA - B**

Shipwrecks are more likely to be found undisturbed at great depths than in shallow coastal waters, which exposes archaeological remains to turbulence and makes them accessible to anyone in scuba gear, whether they be archaeologist, treasure hunter, or sport diver.

A. than in shallow coastal waters, which exposes archaeological remains to turbulence and makes them accessible to anyone in scuba gear, whether they be
B. than in shallow coastal waters, where archaeological remains are exposed to turbulence and are accessible to anyone in scuba gear, whether
C. as opposed to shallow waters along the coast, where archaeological remains are exposed to turbulence and accessible to anyone in scuba gear, including
D. instead of in shallow waters along the coast, which exposes archaeological remains to turbulence and making them accessible to anyone in scuba gear, including an
E. instead of shallow coastal waters, because it exposes archaeological remains to turbulence and make them accessible to anyone in scuba gear, whether

**Option A - Incorrect**

'Shallow waters' is plural. Hence, 'which exposes' is incorrect.

**Option B - Correct Answer**

Correct answer.

**Option C - Incorrect**
'More' requires a 'than' for comparison. 'As opposed to' is incorrect. 'Shallow waters' are not opposed to 'great depths'. 'Including' must not include all 3 things (including must always talk about the subset).

Option D - Incorrect
'More' requires a 'than' for comparison. 'Instead of + preposition' is incorrect. The usage of 'which' is incorrect. Even if it refers to 'shallow waters' we need 'expose'. 'And making' is not parallel. We are not talking about only one archaeologist. Hence, usage of 'an' is incorrect.

Option E - Incorrect
'More' requires a 'than' for comparison. 'It' does not refer to anything. 'It + make' is incorrect.

Question 66
OA - A

Complex human traits such as artistic talent or social skill are likely to be shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of the 80,000 or so genes in the human genome.
A. such as artistic talent or social skill are likely to be shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of the 80,000 or so
B. such as artistic talent or social skill are likely shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of 80,000 or so of the
C. such as artistic talent or social skill is likely to be shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of 80,000 or so of the
D. like artistic talent or social skill is likely to be shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of the 80,000 or so
E. like artistic talent or social skill are likely shaped by thousands, if not tens of thousands, of the 80,000 or so

Option A - Correct Answer
Correct Answer.

Option B - Incorrect
Parallelism dictates this structure -"shaped by thousands of 80,000 of the genes". Contrast this with "shaped by thousands of the 80,000 genes". Clearly, the latter is better. "80,000 of the genes" implies that there are many more genes than 80,000. (20 of the soldiers --> implies there are more than 20 soldiers).

Option C - Incorrect

"Complex human traits" is plural. Parallelism dictates this structure -"shaped by thousands of 80,000 of the genes". Contrast this with "shaped by thousands of the 80,000 genes". Clearly, the latter is better. "80,000 of the genes" implies that there are more genes than 80,000. Not the intended meaning.

Option D - Incorrect

"Complex human traits" is plural. "Like" cannot be used to introduce examples.

Option E - Incorrect

"Like" cannot be used to introduce examples.

Question 67

OA - A

Although ice particles in the upper atmosphere benefit Earth in that they reflect and absorb solar radiation, acting as a global thermostat and thus keeping Earth from either burning up or freezing over, they also accelerate the destruction of the ozone layer by reacting with chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's).

A. acting as a global thermostat and thus keeping Earth from either burning up or freezing over, they also accelerate
B. acting as a global thermostat and thus keeping Earth either from burning up or freezing over, while also accelerating
C. act as a global thermostat and thus keep Earth from either burning up or freezing over, while also accelerating
D. they act as a global thermostat that thus keeps Earth either from burning up or freezing over, even though it also accelerates
E. they act as a global thermostat to thus keep Earth from either burning up or freezing over, but they also accelerate
Option A - Correct Answer

Correct answer.

Option B - Incorrect

"Either from burning up or freezing over" - not parallel. In addition, this sentence does not have a main clause.

Option C - Incorrect

This sentence does not have a main clause. Moreover, these things - "reflect and absorb solar radiation, act as a global thermostat and thus keep Earth from either burning ..." - by putting them in parallel, this option implies that these things are unrelated. However, the highlighted portion is clearly a description of the non-highlighted portion.

Option D - Incorrect

"Either from burning up or freezing over" - not parallel. "They act as a global thermostat that thus keeps Earth ..." - this implies that there IS a global thermostat that keeps earth from burning up. Ice particles only ACT AS a global thermostat and in the process keep earth from burning up.

"Even though it also accelerates" - the pronoun "it" has no antecedent. Finally, "Although ice particles benefit Earth in that they reflect and absorb solar radiation, they act as a global thermostat ..." - the usage of "although" does not make sense as there is no contrast indicated.

Option E - Incorrect

"They act as a global thermostat to thus keep Earth from either burning up ..." - this implies that they act as a thermostat with an intent/purpose. Not logical. "Although ice particles benefit Earth in that they reflect and absorb solar radiation, they act as a global thermostat ..." - the usage of "although" does not make sense as there is no contrast indicated.

Question 68
A study published in the British Medical Journal showed that women who ate nuts more than five times a week were about one third less likely to suffer from coronary heart disease as those who ate no nuts at all.

A. as those who ate
B. as women who ate
C. as those eating
D. than women eating
E. than were those who ate

Option A - Incorrect
"Less than" is the right usage. "Less as" is incorrect.

Option B - Incorrect
"Less than" is the right usage. "Less as" is incorrect.

Option C - Incorrect
"Less than" is the right usage. "Less as" is incorrect. 'Women who ate' and 'women eating' are not perfectly parallel.

Option D - Incorrect
'women who ate' and 'women eating' are not perfectly parallel.

Option E - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. 'Less than' used correctly. Maintains perfect parallelism.

Question 69
OA - A

Galileo did not invent the telescope, but on hearing, in 1609, that such an optical instrument had been made, he quickly built his own device from an organ pipe and spectacle lenses.
A. Galileo did not invent the telescope, but on hearing, in 1609, that such an optical instrument had been made, he
B. Galileo had not invented the telescope, but when he heard, in 1609, of such an optical instrument having been made,
C. Galileo, even though he had not invented the telescope, on hearing, in 1609, that such an optical instrument had been made, he
D. Even though Galileo did not invent the telescope, on hearing, in 1609, that such an optical instrument had been made,
E. Even though Galileo did not invent the telescope, but when he heard, 1609, of such an optical instrument being made, he

Option B – Incorrect

Usage of past perfect “had not invented” is incorrect. It implies that he did not invent it until 1609, but probably did so after that.

The subordinate clause “when he heard of such an instrument ...” requires a main clause. “quickly built his own device ...” is a phrase, not a clause.

Option C – Incorrect

Usage of past perfect “had not invented” is incorrect. It implies that he did not invent it until 1609, but probably did so after that.

“Galileo, he quickly built his own device ...” is incorrect.

Option D – Incorrect

“Even though Galileo did not invent the telescope” requires a main clause. “quickly built his own device ...” is a phrase, not a clause.

“On hearing, in 1609, that such an optical instrument had been made” seems to refer to “Even though Galileo did not invent the telescope”. Incorrect. (Modifiers generally refer to things on their left unless they are prevented from doing so).

Option E – Incorrect
“Even though + but” is redundant. “When he heard, 1609” – we need an “in” before 1609.

“When he heard, 1609, of such an optical instrument being made” – “being” takes the same timeframe as the main verb “heard”. Not the original meaning, which clearly states that when he heard about the telescope, it had already been made.

Question 70

OA - D

Unlike the short flights of the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, which carried sufficient power in fuel cells and batteries, a permanently orbiting space station will have to generate its own electricity.
A. the short flights of the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, which carried sufficient power in fuel cells and batteries
B. the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, with sufficient enough power in fuel cells and batteries for their short flights
C. the short flights of the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, which enabled them to carry sufficient enough power in fuel cells and batteries
D. the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, which were capable of carrying sufficient power in fuel cells and batteries for their short flights
E. the flights of the shuttle and earlier spacecraft, whose shortness allowed them to carry sufficient power in fuel cells and batteries

Option A - Incorrect

Incorrect comparison; Short flights vs Space station. “Carried sufficient power …” – for what? Not clear.

Option B – Incorrect

“Sufficient enough” is redundant.

Option C - Incorrect

Same as A; short flights vs. space station.
Option E – Incorrect

Same as A; flights vs. Space station.

Question 71

OA - A

The striking differences between the semantic organization of Native American languages and that of European languages, in both grammar and vocabulary, have led scholars to think about the degree to which differences in language may be correlated with non-linguistic differences.

A. that of European languages, in both grammar and vocabulary, have
B. that of European languages, including grammar and vocabulary, has
C. those of European languages, which include grammar and vocabulary, have
D. those of European languages, in grammar as well as vocabulary, has
E. those of European languages, both in grammar and vocabulary, has

Option B - Incorrect

Inappropriate usage of the verb “has” as the subject is “Semantic differences”. “Including” seems to refer to “the striking differences”. This option suggests, “Striking differences” include “grammar and vocabulary”. Not logical. The intended meaning is there are striking differences IN both grammar and vocabulary.

Option C – Incorrect

“Those” cannot refer to “semantic organization”.

This option suggests, “Striking differences” include “grammar and vocabulary”. Not logical.

Option D – Incorrect

Inappropriate usage of the verb “has” as the subject is “Semantic differences”. “Those” cannot refer to “semantic organization”.

Option E - Incorrect
Inappropriate usage of the verb “has” as the subject is ”Semantic differences”.
“Those” cannot refer to “semantic organization”.

“Both in grammar and vocabulary” – not parallel.

Question 72

OA - B

Faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places have been cited by a new study of the 2000 United States Presidential election, which estimated that they did not count 4 million to 6 million of the 100 million votes cast.

A. Faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places have been cited by a new study of the 2000 United States presidential election, which estimated that they did not count 4 million to 6 million of the 100 million votes cast.

B. Citing faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places, a new study of the 2000 United States presidential election has estimated that 4 million to 6 million of the 100 million votes cast were not counted.

C. Citing faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places, 4 million to 6 million of the 100 million votes cast were not counted in the 2000 United States presidential election, a new study estimates.

D. A new study has cited faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places in estimating that 4 million to 6 million of the 100 million votes that were cast had not been counted in the 2000 United States presidential election.

E. A new study of the 2000 United States presidential election, citing faulty voting equipment, confusing ballots, voter error, and problems at polling places, has estimated 4 million to 6 million votes had not been counted of the 100 million votes cast.

Option A - Incorrect

The pronoun ‘they’ does not have an antecedent. ‘Which’ incorrectly modifies ‘election’. Note also that "estimated" and "did not count" are in the same tense (happened approximately at the same time). Clearly, illogical.

Option B - Correct Answer

CORRECT ANSWER. The modifier is properly structured and placed.
Option C - Incorrect
'Citing ... places' incorrectly modifies '4 million to 6 million'. Note that there is a slight change in meaning - this option does not make clear "which study?" whereas other options specifically refer to "a new study of the 2000 US Presidential Election".

Option D - Incorrect
"had not been counted" - past perfect here implies that this action happened before the action in the past tense - "were cast". This is clearly illogical.

Option E - Incorrect
Dropping "that" after "estimated" changes the meaning of the sentence. The study did NOT estimate 4 million to 6 million votes but the IDEA THAT 4 million to 6 million votes were not counted.

Question 73
OA - D
To develop more accurate population forecasts, demographers have to know a great deal more than now about the social and economic determinants of fertility.
A. have to know a great deal more than now about the social and economic
B. have to know a great deal more than they do now about the social and economical
C. would have to know a great deal more than they do now about the social and economical
D. would have to know a great deal more than they do now about the social and economic
E. would have to know a great deal more than now about the social and economic

Option A - Incorrect
Incorrectly compares 'a great deal more' with 'now'. The verb 'do' is missing.

Option B - Incorrect
'Economical' is a wrong word to use in this sentence. 'Economical' means ‘at affordable cost’.

**Option C - Incorrect**

Meaning issue -- economical is wrong usage here since economical means ‘at low cost’.

**Option D - Correct Answer**

CORRECT ANSWER -- Note that "than" requires perfect parallelism. This option places two clauses in parallel - "demographers would have to know a great deal more" AND "they do now". Note the usage of the hypothetical "would". This implies an unreal/unlikely scenario. For example - If I were tall, I would be in the basketball team. (I am not tall; hence, I am not in the basketball team). Similarly, this question talks about an unreal situation. I.e. demographers DO NOT know a great deal more about economic determinants of fertility. Hence, they CANNOT develop more accurate population forecasts.

**Option E - Incorrect**

Incorrectly compares 'a great deal more' with 'now'. The verb 'do' is missing.

**Question 74**

**OA - C**

Clouds are formed from the evaporation of the oceans’ water that is warmed by the Sun and rises high into the atmosphere, condensing in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust.
A. Clouds are formed from the evaporation of the oceans’ water that is warmed by the Sun and rises high into the atmosphere, condensing in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust.
B. Clouds form by the Sun’s warmth evaporating the water in the oceans, which rises high into the atmosphere, condensing in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust.
C. Warmed by the Sun, ocean water evaporates, rises high into the atmosphere, and condenses in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust to form clouds.
D. The water in the oceans evaporates, warmed by the Sun, rises high into the atmosphere, and condenses in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust, which forms
clouds.
E. Ocean water, warmed by the Sun, evaporates and rises high into the atmosphere, which then condenses in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust to form as clouds.

**Option A - Incorrect**

One part of the sentence reads - "evaporation of ocean's water that rises into the atmosphere". This is redundant as "that rises into the atmosphere" implies that the water has evaporated. X is formed by Y implies that Y FORMS X. X is formed from Y implies that Y is the MATERIAL used to form X.

A: Clouds are formed from the evaporation. It means that the evaporation is the material used to form clouds. In addition, the present participle condensing implies contemporaneous action -- an action happening AT THE SAME TIME as the preceding actions -- but the intended meaning is that the water condenses AFTER it rises high into the atmosphere.

**Option B - Incorrect**

This reads "clouds form by sun's warmth + Modifier" - not the intended meaning.

**Option C - Correct Answer**

CORRECT ANSWER. Modifiers are correctly structured and placed.

**Option D - Incorrect**

The placement of the modifier "warmed by the sun" is incorrect. The past-participle modifier must refer to a noun phrase immediately before it (not present here). "Which" refers to "dust" - illogical.

**Option E - Incorrect**

"Which" refers to atmosphere. "To form as clouds". The use of "as" is not required.

**Question 75**

**OA - C**
Because of a similarity to dance, synchronized swimming—exhibition swimming in which the movements of one or more swimmers synchronize to a musical accompaniment—is sometimes called water ballet, especially in theatrical situations.

A. of one or more swimmers synchronize to  
B. of one swimmer or more is synchronized with  
C. of one or more swimmers are synchronized with  
D. by one swimmer or more is synchronized to  
E. by one or more swimmers synchronize to

Option A - Incorrect  
"Movements" do not have agency. They cannot synchronize to something by themselves. "Synchronize to" is unidiomatic.

Option B - Incorrect  
The plural subject 'movements' needs plural verb 'are'.

Option C - Correct Answer  
CORRECT ANSWER.

Option D - Incorrect  
The plural subject 'movements' needs plural verb 'are'. "Synchronize to" is unidiomatic.

Option E - Incorrect  
"Movements" do not have agency. They cannot synchronize to something by themselves. Hence, we cannot use the active voice. We need passive voice to indicate that somebody/something else did the synchronizing.

Question 76  
OA - D
Because of wireless service costs plummeting in the last year, and as mobile phones are increasingly common, many people now using their mobile phones to make calls across a wide region at night and on weekends, when numerous wireless companies provide unlimited airtime for a relatively small monthly fee.

A. Because of wireless service costs plummeting in the last year, and as mobile phones are increasingly common, many people
B. As the cost of wireless service plummeted in the last year and as mobile phones became increasingly common, many people
C. In the last year, with the cost of wireless service plummeting, and mobile phones have become increasingly common, there are many people
D. With the cost of wireless service plummeting in the last year and mobile phones becoming increasingly common, many people are
E. While the cost of wireless service has plummeted in the last year and mobile phones are increasingly common, many people are

Option A - Incorrect
The sentence reads - "because of wireless costs + modifier" - not the intended meaning. "And" must connect two things in parallel. "Wireless costs plummeting" is a phrase whereas "as mobile phones are ..." is a clause. "Many people now + modifier" is not a complete sentence. Hence, this option is a sentence fragment.

Option B - Incorrect
This is a sentence fragment as it has not active verb.

Option C - Incorrect
"With the cost of ..." and "mobile phones have ..." are not parallel.

Option D - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER.

Option E - Incorrect
"While" is used to indicate contrast. There is none in the sentence. "In the last year" refers to a specific time in the past. Use of present perfect - "has plummeted" - is incorrect.

**Question 77**

**OA - B**

A new study suggests that the conversational pace of everyday life may be so brisk it hampers the ability of some children for distinguishing discrete sounds and words and, the result is, to make sense of speech.

A. it hampers the ability of some children for distinguishing discrete sounds and words and, the result is, to make
B. that it hampers the ability of some children to distinguish discrete sounds and words and, as a result, to make
C. that it hampers the ability of some children to distinguish discrete sounds and words and, the result of this, they are unable to make
D. that it hampers the ability of some children to distinguish discrete sounds and words, and results in not making
E. as to hamper the ability of some children for distinguishing discrete sounds and words, resulting in being unable to make

**Option A - Incorrect**

'Ability for' is unidiomatic. 'For distinguishing' and 'to make' are not parallel. In addition, the correct form of the idiom is "so + adjective + that" - the "that" is missing. The sentence reads - "AND, the result is, it hampers the ability to make sense of speech" -- result of what?

**Option B - Correct Answer**

CORRECT ANSWER. 'To distinguish' and 'to make' are parallel. "As a result" = "therefore/thus".

**Option C - Incorrect**

"This" cannot refer to a clause. Also, note that we cannot use demonstrative pronouns/adjectives independently.
Option D - Incorrect

We do not use a comma before the "and" to join two verb phrases. In addition, the second part - "results in not making sense of speech" - seems to imply that this happens for ALL the population, not to a specific group of children.

Option E - Incorrect

"Ability for" is unidiomatic. 'For distinguishing' and 'to make' are not parallel. "Resulting in ..." refers to "the conversational pace ..." whereas it should have logically referred to "some children".

Question 78

OA - E

Scientists claim that the discovery of the first authenticated mammal bones in amber could provide important clues of determining, in addition to how, when mammals colonized the islands of the West Indies.
A. of determining, in addition to how, when mammals colonized the islands of the West Indies
B. in the determination of how and when the islands of the West Indies were colonized by mammals
C. to determine how mammals colonized the islands of the West Indies and when they did
D. for determining when the islands of the West Indies were colonized by mammals and how they were
E. for determining how and when mammals colonized the islands of the West Indies

Option A - Incorrect

"Clues of determining" is unidiomatic. "In addition to how" seems to refer to the previous clause "could provide important clues ...." Also, note that "how" should be accorded the same importance as "when". Using an additive phrase "in addition to" lowers its priority.

Option B - Incorrect

"Clues in determination of how and when" seems to imply that "determination of how and when ..." has clues.
Option C - Incorrect
Less concise than E.

Option D - Incorrect
This is less concise than E

Option E - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Active voice and concise.

Question 79
OA - E

In 1850 Lucretia Mott published her Discourse on Women, arguing in a treatise for women to have equal political and legal rights and for changes in the married women’s property laws.
A. arguing in a treatise for women to have equal political and legal rights
B. arguing in a treatise for equal political and legal rights for women
C. a treatise that advocates women’s equal political and legal rights
D. a treatise advocating women’s equal political and legal rights
E. a treatise that argued for equal political and legal rights for women

Option A - Incorrect
The sentence is illogical. Comma + -ing modifiers should describe the previous clause. This suggests that "arguing in a treatise (seems to be different from Discourse on Women) for women ..." was HOW she published her "Discourse on Women". "A treatise ... for women ... and for changes" does not bring out the meaning clearly. We need to say something like "advocating for women to have equal rights and for changes".

Option B - Incorrect
The sentence is illogical. Comma + -ing modifiers should describe the previous clause. This suggests that "arguing in a treatise (seems to be different from Discourse on
Women) ..." was HOW she published her "Discourse on Women". "A treatise ... for equal political rights ... and for changes" does not bring out the meaning clearly. It might suggest it talked about those issues but did not advocate them. We need to say something like "advocating for equal rights and for changes".

Option C - Incorrect
"Advocates women's equal political and legal rights" and "for changes" are not parallel.

Option D - Incorrect
"Advocating women's equal political and legal rights" and "for changes" are not parallel.

Option E - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Parallelism is maintained. The modifier is correctly placed and structured.

Question 80
OA - E
In the early part of the twentieth century, many vacationers found that driving automobiles and sleeping in tents allowed them to enjoy nature close at hand and tour at their own pace, with none of the restrictions of passenger trains and railroad timetables or with the formalities, expenses, and impersonality of hotels.
A. with none of the restrictions of passenger trains and railroad timetables or with the
B. with none of the restrictions of passenger trains, railroad timetables, nor
C. without the restrictions of passenger trains and railroad timetables nor
D. without the restrictions of passenger trains and railroad timetables or with the
E. without the restrictions of passenger trains and railroad timetables or the

Option A - Incorrect
"With the formalities, expenses, and impersonalities of hotels" does not make sense with "sleeping in tents allowed them to enjoy nature close at hand".
Option B - Incorrect
This sentence reads "with none of X, nor Y" - parallelism with "nor" implies this - "with none of X, nor with none of Y". Incorrect. Also, note that "nor" connects a negative idea to a positive one. For example - She did not attend the wedding nor did she attend the house warming party. Also, note that "passenger trains, railroad timetables" should be connected by an "and" to indicate parallelism.

Option C - Incorrect
Parallelism required with the coordinating conjunction makes this sentence incorrect. The structure implied is this - "without the restrictions ...nor without the formalities ...

Option D - Incorrect
"With the formalities, expenses, and impersonalities of hotels" does not make sense with "sleeping in tents allowed them to enjoy nature close at hand".

Option E - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER.

Question 81
OA - C
The human nervous system and a telephone system superficially resemble each other, not only because the former carries information in the form of electrical impulses and because all of its neural pathways converge in the brain and spinal cord, which together form a kind of central exchange.
A. The human nervous system and a telephone system superficially resemble each other, not only because the former carries
B. The human nervous system and a telephone system bear a superficial resemblance because they both carry
C. The human nervous system bears a superficial resemblance to a telephone system both because the former carries
D. Superficially, a telephone system resembles the human nervous system both
because they carry
E. There is a superficial resemblance between a telephone system and the human nervous system, not only because they both carry

Option A - Incorrect
"Not only" requires "but but also". "Because all of its neural pathways" -- the "its" does not have an antecedent.

Option B - Incorrect
"Because all of its neural pathways" -- the "its" does not have an antecedent.

Option C - Correct Answer
Correct answer

Option D - Incorrect
"Both because they carry" - "they" does not have an antecedent.

Option E - Incorrect
"Because all of its neural pathways" -- the "its" does not have an antecedent.

Question 82
OA - C
Scientists have found new evidence of people initially registering emotions like sadness or anger in much the same way as heartburn--by monitoring what is going on within their bodies.
A. of people initially registering emotions like sadness or anger in much the same way as
B. of people initially registering emotions such as sadness or anger much the same as experiencing
C. that people initially register emotions such as sadness or anger in much the same way as they experience
D. that a person initially registers emotions such as sadness or anger much the same way as experiencing
E. that a person initially registers emotions like sadness or anger much the same as

Option A - Incorrect
Evidence of people' is incorrect. Use 'such as' to introduce examples instead of 'like'.

Option B - Incorrect
Evidence of people' is incorrect. The correct idiom is 'in much the same way as'. 'Much the same' indicates that 'registering emotions' and 'experiencing heartburn' are the same.

Option C - Correct Answer
Correct answer.

Option D - Incorrect
'In much the same way' is the proper idiom. 'Same as' requires parallelism. 'Register' is not parallel to 'experiencing'. 'A person' does not agree with 'their'.

Option E - Incorrect
Use 'such as' to introduce examples. The correct idiom is 'in much the same way as'. Faulty comparison between 'registers emotions' and 'heartburn'. 'Much the same' also implies that these two things are same - illogical. The word 'their' does not agree with 'a person'.

Question 83
OA - C
The ancient Anasazi harvested such native desert vegetation as the purple-flowered bee plant, what they now commonly call wild spinach in northern Arizona and other parts of the southwestern United States.
A. what they now commonly call
The first commercially successful drama to depict Black family life sympathetically and the first play by a Black woman to be produced on Broadway, it was Lorraine
Hansberry’s A Raisin in the Sun that won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award in 1959, and was later made into both a film and a musical.

A. it was Lorraine Hansberry’s A Raisin in the Sun that won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award in 1959, and was later made
B. in 1959 A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansberry, won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award and was later made
C. Lorraine Hansberry won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award for A Raisin in the Sun in 1959, and it was later made
D. Lorraine Hansberry’s A Raisin in the Sun won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award in 1959 and was later made
E. A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansberry, won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award in 1959, and later made it

Option A – Incorrect
“The first commercially successful drama to depict black family life ...” should have referred to “A raisin in the sun”. Here, the modifier refers to “it”.

Option B – Incorrect
“The first commercially successful drama to depict black family life ...” should have referred to “A raisin in the sun”. Here, the modifier refers to “in 1959”. Also, note that “in 1959” is not an essential modifier to “A raisin in the Sun”.

Option C – Incorrect
“The first commercially successful drama to depict black family life ...” should have referred to “A raisin in the sun”. Here it refers to “Lorraine Hansberry”.

Option D – Correct Answer
The initial modifier refers to the work by Lorraine Hansberry.

Option E – Incorrect
The pronoun “it” does not have an antecedent.
Question 85

OA - B

Elk now live almost solely in the Rocky Mountains, which would make it seem that elk are mountain dwellers, while they once ranged over virtually all of the continental United States except for a small strip in the extreme Southwest.

A. Elk now live almost solely in the Rocky Mountains, which would make it seem that elk are mountain dwellers, while
B. The fact that elk now live almost solely in the Rocky Mountains would make it seem that they are mountain dwellers, but
C. It would seem that elk would be mountain dwellers because of their living now solely almost in the Rocky Mountains, but still
D. Now living almost solely in the Rocky Mountains, it would seem that elk were mountain dwellers, although
E. It seems that elk would be mountain dwellers from the fact that they now live solely almost in the Rocky Mountains, since

Option A – Incorrect

“Which” does not have noun to which it can logically refer.

The basic structure is this – “Elk now live almost solely in the Rocky Mountains while they once ranged over virtually all of the continental United States ...” Note that “while” when used as a contrast indicator should compare two actions that happen in the same time frame. Incorrect usage.

Option C – Incorrect

“Elk would be mountain dwellers” – usage of “would” does not make sense. It indicates neither a hypothetical scenario nor a future-in-the-past scenario.

“Because of their living” – note that “their” is redundant since the modifier “because of living” applies to the subject. Moreover, “because of + VERB-ing” is unidiomatic. “Solely almost” is also unidiomatic. The correct order is “almost solely”. Generally speaking, adverbs of degree (such as almost) should be placed before focusing adverbs (such as solely).

Option D – Incorrect
“Now living almost solely in the Rocky Mountains” should refer to “elk”.

“Seem that elk were mountain dwellers” – implies that it does not seem so anymore. Not the intended meaning.

Option E – Incorrect

“It seems that elk would be mountain dwellers” – “would” does not make sense here. “Solely almost” is unidiomatic.

“It seems that elk would be mountain dwellers ... since they once ranged over virtually all of the continental United States” – nonsensical.

Question 86

OA - D

The list of animals that exhibits a preference of either using the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded to include the lower vertebrates.
A. exhibits a preference of either using the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded to include
B. exhibits the preference to use either the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded and includes
C. exhibit a preference in either using the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded to include
D. exhibit a preference for using either the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded to include
E. exhibit the preference as to either using the right or the left hand (i.e., claw, paw, or foot) has been expanded and includes

Option A – Incorrect

“Animals that exhibits a preference” – no subject verb agreement. “Either using the right or the left hand” – not parallel.

“Preference of using the right hand” is unidiomatic.

Option B – Incorrect
“**Animals** that **exhibits** a preference” – no subject verb agreement.

“the list has been expanded and includes the lower vertebrates” – “and” is used to introduce two or more things in parallel that have no relationship with one another. This implies that “expansion” had nothing to do with “includes lower vertebrates”. Not the intended meaning.

**Option C – Incorrect**

“Either using the right or the left hand” – not parallel.

**Option E – Incorrect**

“Exhibit the preference” – ”the preference” is incorrect as we do not which specific preference the sentence is talking about.

“Either using the right or the left hand” – not parallel. “Preference as to using the right hand” – not idiomatic.

**Question 87**

**OA - A**

Dressed as a man and using the name Robert Shurtleff, Deborah Sampson, the first woman to draw a soldier’s pension, joined the Continental Army in 1782 at the age of 22, **was injured three times, and was discharged in 1783 because she had become** too ill to serve.

A. 22, was injured three times, and was discharged in 1783 because she had become
B. 22, was injured three times, while being discharged in 1783 because she had become
C. 22, and was injured three times, and discharged in 1783, being
D. 22, injured three times, and was discharged in 1783 because she was
E. 22, having been injured three times and discharged in 1783, being

**Option A - Correct Answer**

CORRECT ANSWER. 'Was injured' and 'was discharged' are parallel. Simple past used correctly. Note also the usage of past perfect "had become" - this happened before she "was discharged".
Option B - Incorrect
This distorts the meaning. She was not injured while she was being discharged. "joined" and "was discharged" are not connected by an AND.

Option C - Incorrect
Usage of two ANDs is not necessary. Removing "because" removes the causality and changes the meaning of the sentence. This sentence does not tell us WHY she was discharged.

Option D - Incorrect
"Injured three times" is in active voice and changes the meaning of the sentence. It implies that she injured someone else three times. Also, note that we need the past perfect "had become too ill" to indicate the sequence of events clearly.

Option E - Incorrect
Removing "because" removes the causality and changes the meaning of the sentence. This sentence does not tell us WHY she was discharged. Usage of "having been ..." changes the sequence of events. It implies that "injured" and "discharged" happened before she joined the army.

Question 88
OA - A
The nineteenth-century chemist Humphry Davy presented the results of his early experiments in his "Essay on Heat and Light," a critique of all chemistry since Robert Boyle as well as a vision of a new chemistry that Davy hoped to found.
A. a critique of all chemistry since Robert Boyle as well as a vision of a
B. a critique of all chemistry following Robert Boyle and also his envisioning of a
C. a critique of all chemistry after Robert Boyle and envisioning as well
D. critiquing all chemistry from Robert Boyle forward and also a vision of
E. critiquing all the chemistry done since Robert Boyle as well as his own envisioning of

Option A - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. "A critique' and 'A vision' are parallel.

Option B - Incorrect
'A critique' and 'his envisioning' are not parallel.

Option C - Incorrect
A critique' and envisioning' are not parallel. "A critique" refers to "Essay on Heat and Light" whereas "envisioning" refers to "Humphry Davy".

Option D - Incorrect
'Critiquing' and 'vision' are not parallel. "Critiquing" refers to "Humphry Davy" whereas "vision" refers to "Essay on Heat and Light". In addition, this sentence seems to imply that Davy only criticized chemistry from Robert Boyle.

Option E - Incorrect
Critiquing' and "his envisioning of' are not parallel. "Critiquing" refers to "Humphry Davy" whereas "his envisioning" refers to "Essay on Heat and Light".

Question 89
OA - B
The first English settlers to establish a permanent colony in America did it not at Plymouth but along the shore of the James River west of Chesapeake Bay.
A. it not at Plymouth but
B. so not at Plymouth but
C. not at Plymouth but instead
D. not at Plymouth but did so
E. it not at Plymouth but rather

Option A - Incorrect
'It' has no antecedent.
Option B - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. No pronoun ambiguity and parallelism maintained

Option C - Incorrect
"Did not at Plymouth" - did not do what? Not clear.

Option D - Incorrect
"Did not at Plymouth" - did not do what? Not clear.

Option E - Incorrect
'It' has no antecedent.

Question 90
OA - D
A scrub jay can remember when it cached a particular piece of food in a particular place, researchers have discovered, and tend not to bother to recover a perishable treat if stored long enough to have rotted.  
A. tend not to bother to recover a perishable treat if  
B. they tend not to bother recovering a perishable treat  
C. tending not to bother to recover a perishable treat it  
D. tends not to bother recovering a perishable treat  
E. tends not bothering to recover a perishable treat it

Option A - Incorrect
The verb 'tend' should be 'tends' as the subject 'A scrub jay' is singular. "if [participle]" -- a modifier that, by convention, refers to the SUBJECT of the sentence (not the proximate noun) - refers to "a scrub jay" - illogical.

Option B - Incorrect
The pronoun 'it' should be used instead of 'they' as the subject 'A Scrub jay' is singular.
Option C - Incorrect

This is a sentence fragment as the send clause after 'and' does not have an active verb. "and tending" is not parallel to anything.

Option D - Correct Answer

CORRECT ANSWER. Subject and verb agree in number. Pronoun and antecedent agree in number.

Option E - Incorrect

The last part - "the scrub jay (it) stored treat long enough to have rotted" - implies the bird itself rotted.

Question 91

AO - D

The normative model of strategic decision-making suggests that executives examine a firm’s external environment and internal conditions, and in using the set of objective criteria they derive from these analyses, can decide on a strategy.

A. conditions, and in using the set of objective criteria they derive from these analyses, can decide
B. conditions, and they use the set of objective criteria derived from these analyses in deciding
C. conditions and, in using the set of objective criteria derived from these analyses, deciding
D. conditions and, using the set of objective criteria derived from these analyses, decide
E. conditions and, in their use of the set of objective criteria they derive from these analyses, they decide

Option A - Incorrect

"And in using ...., can decide ..." - the verb phrase "can decide" does not have a subject as it is separated by commas. The modifier "in using ..." is incorrect because the verb "can decide on a strategy" is NOT a part of "using the set of objective criteria". the
comma before and "and in using ..." is incorrect as it makes the verb "can decide" parallel to "suggests" instead of "examine".

**Option B - Incorrect**

"and they use ..." - the comma makes this clause parallel to "the normative model suggests" - not the intended meaning. If we want to make it parallel to "examine", the "comma" and "they" (redundant as the subject 'executives' is the same) must be removed.

**Option C - Incorrect**

Examine and deciding are not parallel. "Deciding on a strategy" is not a part of "using the set of objective criteria ...". Hence, "in using ..." is incorrect.

**Option D - Correct Answer**

CORRECT ANSWER. Parallelism is maintained

**Option E - Incorrect**

"They decide ..." - the "they" is redundant. "Deciding on a strategy" is not part of "their use of objective criteria" BUT the other way round. Hence, "in their use ..." as a modifier is incorrect.

**Question 92**

**OA - D**

Over the next few years, increasing demands on the Chattahoochee River, which flows into the Apalachicola River, could alter the saline content of Apalachicola Bay, which would rob the oysters there of their flavor, and to make them decrease in size, less distinctive, and less in demand.

A. which would rob the oysters there of their flavor, and to make them decrease in size
B. and it would rob the oysters there of their flavor, make them smaller
C. and rob the oysters there of their flavor, making them decrease in size
D. robbing the oysters there of their flavor and making them smaller
E. robbing the oysters there of their flavor, and making them decrease in size
Option A - Incorrect

'Would rob' and 'to make' are not parallel. 'Which' incorrectly refers to Apalachicola Bay. We need the future tense "will" to talk about predictions about the future. "would" is incorrect.

"Decrease in size" is not parallel to "less distinctive" and "less in demand". The last two are adjectives. The first seems to be an action noun.

Option B - Incorrect

Singular 'it' should be replaced by plural 'them' to refer to 'increasing demands'. "would rob" and "would make" are connected only by a comma. We need an "and" to connect them.

Placing "alter the saline content" and "rob them of their flavor" in parallel using "and" suggests that these are two independent things. However, clearly the latter is an effect of the former.

"And it would rob" - Note that the usage of "it" is not necessary. Stating "and would rob" is sufficient. We need the future tense "will" to talk about predictions about the future. "would" is incorrect.

Option C - Incorrect

"alter the saline content" and "rob the oysters there of their flavor" are connected by an "and". "and" introduces a list of items that have no relationship to each other. However, "rob the oysters there of their flavor" is clearly an effect of "alter the saline content". Hence, it must be a modifier. Also, "making them decrease in size" has no bearing on the main clause "rob them of their flavor".

"Decrease in size" is not parallel to "less distinctive" and "less in demand". The last two are adjectives. The first seems to be an action noun.

Option D - Correct Answer

CORRECT ANSWER.

Option E - Incorrect
We do not use a comma to connect two phrases - "robbing them of their flavor" and "making them decrease in size". "Decrease in size" is not parallel to "less distinctive" and "less in demand". The last two are adjectives. The first seems to be an action noun.

Question 93

OA - D

In his experiments with gravity, Isaac Newton showed how the motion of each planet in the solar system results from the combined gravitational pull of the Sun and of all the other planets, each contributing according to their mass and distance from the others.

A. of all the other planets, each contributing according to their
B. of all the other planets, with each of them contributing according to their
C. all the other planets, each of which contributing according to its
D. all the other planets, each contributing according to its
E. all the other planets, each of which contribute according to their

Option A - Incorrect

'Each' is a singular, so it has to be followed by Singular verb 'its' and not 'their'. Note also that "each" cannot refer to "Sun and all other planets" because the phrase mentioned in the question is - "of the Sun and of all other planets".

Option B - Incorrect

'Each' is a singular, so it has to be followed by Singular verb 'its' and not 'their'. "Each" cannot refer to "Sun and all other planets" because the phrase mentioned in the question is - "of the Sun and of all other planets".

Option C - Incorrect

"Which" must be followed by a clause.

Option D - Correct Answer

CORRECT ANSWER. Pronoun and subject agree in number.
Option E - Incorrect

'Each' is a singular, so it has to be followed by Singular verb 'its' and not 'their'. In addition, the usage of plural verb "contribute" is incorrect.

Question 94

OA - A

Biologists working in Spain say that their discovery of teeming life in a highly acidic river may not only broaden the search for life, or for evidence of past life, on other planets but also show that a number of forms of microscopic life can adapt to conditions that scientists have long thought hostile to all but the hardiest bacteria.

A. show that a number of forms of microscopic life can adapt to conditions that scientists have long thought hostile to all but the hardiest bacteria
B. may show that a number of forms of microscopic life is capable of adapting to conditions that scientists have long thought hostile to all bacteria but the hardiest ones
C. shows a number of forms of microscopic life to be capable to adapt to conditions that scientists have long thought had been hostile to all but the hardiest bacteria
D. showing that a number of forms of microscopic life is capable of adapting to conditions that scientists have long thought had been hostile to all but the hardiest bacteria
E. showing that a number of forms of microscopic life can adapt to conditions that scientists have long thought hostile to all bacteria but the hardiest

Option A - Correct Answer

Correct Answer

Option B - Incorrect

A number of' is plural. Hence, 'are' and not 'is' should be used. "May not only broaden" and "but also may show" are not parallel.

Option C - Incorrect
The past perfect 'had been' is wrong. What did the scientists think? "Such conditions are hostile". Note that the tenses of both "are hostile" and "think" happen in the same time frame. Hence, past perfect is incorrect. "Not only X but also Y" requires parallelism between X and Y. so, the verb "may" applies to both X and Y. "may shows" - incorrect. "Capable to adapt" is unidiomatic.

**Option D - Incorrect**

'Broaden' and 'Showing' are not parallel. 'A number of' is plural. Hence, 'are' and not 'is' should be used. Usage of past perfect is incorrect as "think" and "are hostile" happen in the same time frame.

**Option E - Incorrect**

'Broaden' and 'Showing' are not parallel.

Question 95

**OA - B**

Caribou are wary animals with excellent hearing, so stalking them over the treeless landscape, getting close enough to kill it with nothing but a handheld lance, as Dorset people did, required exceptional hunting skill.

A. so stalking them over the treeless landscape, getting close enough to kill it
B. so to stalk them over the treeless landscape and get close enough to kill one
C. so in order to stalk them over the treeless landscape and get close enough to kill one
D. and so in order to stalk it over the treeless landscape, getting close enough to kill it
E. and so stalking them over the treeless landscape and getting close enough in order to kill it

**Option A - Incorrect**

Singular 'it' cannot refer to 'caribou'. The non-underlined portion says, "Caribou are". "Stalking them ..." and "getting close enough to ..." should be connected by an "and".

**Option B - Correct Answer**
CORRECT ANSWER. Note that the infinitive "to stalk them over the treeless landscape and to get close enough to kill one" is the subject of the second clause.

Option C - Incorrect
"In order to stalk them over the treeless landscape ... required exceptional hunting skill" is not a sentence. "In order to" functions as a modifier. It cannot function as a subject, the way an infinitive does.

Option D - Incorrect
Singular 'it' cannot refer to 'caribou'. The non-underlined portion says, "Caribou are". "To stalk them ..." and "getting close enough to ..." should be connected by an "and". "Getting close enough to kill" is a comma + -ing modifier at the end of a sentence. It must refer to the Dorset people. Incorrect.

Option E - Incorrect
Singular 'it' cannot refer to 'caribou'. The non-underlined portion says, "Caribou are". "Getting close enough to kill it" - implies that we are within striking distance. "Getting close enough in order to kill it" - We are getting close enough with the intent of killing the deer. Hence, changes the meaning.

Question 96
OA - A
An international team of astronomers working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain has detected at least 18 huge gas spheres estimated to have 5 to 15 times the mass of Jupiter, the solar system's largest planet.
A. astronomers working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain has detected at least 18 huge gas spheres estimated to have 5 to 15 times the mass of Jupiter
B. astronomers working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain has detected at least 18 huge gas spheres estimated to be 5 to 15 times Jupiter's mass
C. astronomers is working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain, having detected at least 18 huge gas spheres that are estimated at 5 to 15 times the mass of Jupiter
D. astronomers, working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain, and has
detected at least 18 huge gas spheres estimated at 5 to 15 times the mass of Jupiter E. astronomers, working at telescopes in the Canary Islands and Spain, has detected at least 18 huge gas spheres they have estimated to be 5 to 15 times Jupiter's mass

Option A - Correct Answer
Correct

Option B - Incorrect
"18 gas spheres [that are] estimated to be 5 to 15 times Jupiter's mass" - this suggests that "gas spheres" are mass. Incorrect. "Solar system's largest planet" modifies "Jupiter's mass". Illogical.

Option C - Incorrect
"Having detected" implies that "detection" happened before "is working". Illogical. 'Gas spheres are at an estimated ...' is wrong. Gas spheres cannot be masses.

Option D - Incorrect
"A team and has ..." is incorrect. Sentence fragment. Remove the non-essential modifier - 'working at ...' Gas spheres are not masses. Hence, 'gas spheres are at an estimated ...' is incorrect.

Option E - Incorrect
"Jupiter's mass" cannot be "solar system's largest planet." "Estimated to be 5 to 15 times Jupiter's mass" - this suggests that "gas spheres" are mass. Incorrect.

Question 97
OA - B
Women are expected to be the majority of student entering law school this fall, a trend ultimately placing more women in leadership position in politics and business. A. Women are expected to be the majority of student entering law school this fall, a trend ultimately placing
B. The majority of students entering law school this fall are expected to be women, a trend that will ultimately place
C. The majority of students entering law school this fall are expected to be women, which will ultimately place
D. It is expected that the majority of students entering law school this fall will be women, a trend ultimately placing
E. It is expected for the women to be the majority of students entering law school this fall, which will ultimately place

Option A - Incorrect
'A trend + ultimately' - denotes something that will happen in the future. Use future tense 'will'.

Option B - Correct Answer
Correct answer.

Option C - Incorrect
The usage of 'which' is incorrect.

Option D – Incorrect
'A trend + ultimately' requires the future tense.

Option E - Incorrect
'Expected for' is unidiomatic. Seems to imply a duty. The usage of 'which' is incorrect.

Question 98
OA - A
The United States will be affected by whether Taiwan develops a closer relationship with mainland China or preserves the status quo, since the island nation is the United States’ seventh-largest trading partner.
A. The United States will be affected by whether Taiwan develops a closer relationship with mainland China or preserves the status quo
B. Whether or not Taiwan develops a closer relationship with mainland China or preserves the status quo affecting the United States
C. Whether or not Taiwan develops a closer relationship with mainland China or the status quo is preserved, it will affect the United States
D. It affects the United States whether Taiwan will develop a closer relationship with mainland China or preserves the status quo
E. It affects the United States whether or not Taiwan will develop a closer relationship with mainland China or preserve the status quo

Option A - Correct Answer
Correct answer.

Option B - Incorrect
"Whether or not Taiwan develops a closer relationship or preserves the status quo ..." - "or not" makes this incorrect. Note that the two options are "develops" and "preserves". We do NOT need to say "or not" again. "preserves the status quo affecting the United States" is incorrect as it implies that there are versions of status quo that affect AND do not affect the United States. Absurd. Also, this is a sentence fragment because it does not have a main clause.

Option C - Incorrect
"Whether or not" is redundant. "Or the status quo is preserved" - preserved by whom? Not clear. Furthermore, this - "it will affect the United States" - distorts the meaning of the sentence. Here, "it" = "Taiwan". Not the intended meaning. The intended meaning is that the action Taiwan performs will affect the US - "whether Taiwan develops a closer relationship with mainland China or preserves the status quo" will affect the US.

Option D - Incorrect
We do not use future tense "will" with conditional statements (such as "if"). Look at the structure here - "Whether(=IF) Taiwan develops a close relationship or preserves status quo, the US will be affected" - We CANNOT say "will develop/will preserve" here. Contrast this with - "I am not sure whether he will be there tomorrow" (Does not
state a condition; hence, correct). Use simple present instead. The pronoun "it" does not have a referent.

**Option E - Incorrect**

"Whether or not" is incorrect. Note that we cannot use the future tense "will" when "whether" is used to state conditions. Use simple present instead. In addition, the pronoun "it" does not have a referent. "It affects/impacts the US whether Taiwan develops closer relationships or preserves the status quo" -- This suggests *something* affects the US no matter what Taiwan does (whether Taiwan does X or Y). Contrast this with - "It is unclear whether she will attend the party". Here, "it" refers to "whether she will attend the party".

**Question 99**

**OA - A**

Born into poverty and sent by her father into servitude at the age of seven, Martha Matilda Harper created America's first retail franchise network, a radical new business model that enabled women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to own their own businesses and gain financial independence.

A. Martha Matilda Harper created America's first retail franchise network, a radical new business model that enabled women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to own

B. Martha Matilda Harper created America's first retail franchise network, a radical new business model that enabled ownership by women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries of

C. Martha Matilda Harper's creation of America's first retail franchise network was a radical new business model that enabled women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to own

D. America's first retail franchise network was created by Martha Matilda Harper, a radical new business model that enabled women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to own

E. America's first retail franchise network was created by Martha Matilda Harper, a radical new business model that enabled ownership by women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries of

**Option A - Correct Answer**

Correct answer. 'Gain' is parallel to 'own' as it should be.
Option B - Incorrect
Not parallel. 'Gain' is not parallel to 'enabled'.

Option C - Incorrect
'Born into ...' must modify 'Martha Harper'. Distorts the meaning - states that the 'creation' was a new business model. However, from the original sentence, we know that 'retail franchise network' was a new business model.

Option D - Incorrect
'Born into ...' must modify 'Martha Harper'. 'A radical new business model' seems to modify 'Martha Harper'.

Option E - Incorrect
'Born into ...' must modify 'Martha Harper'. 'A radical new business model' seems to modify 'Martha Harper'. Not parallel. 'Gain' is not parallel to 'enabled'.

Question 100
OA - C
Many population studies have linked a high-salt diet to high rates of hypertension and shown that in societies where they consume little salt, their blood pressure typically does not rise with age.
A. shown that in societies where they consume little salt, their
B. shown that in societies that have consumed little salt, their
C. shown that in societies where little salt is consumed,
D. they showed that in societies where little salt is consumed,
E. they showed that in societies where they consume little salt, their

Option A - Incorrect
"They" and "their" have no clear antecedents.
Option B - Incorrect

Use of present perfect 'have consumed' is incorrect. This implies that in societies where people have consumed little salt at some time in the past, blood pressure does not rise with age. (since the present tense is used here, the result is valid for any time in the future as well -- this does not make much sense). Simple present must be used for generalizations. Also, "their blood pressure" = "societies' blood pressure". Nonsense.

Option C - Correct Answer

CORRECT ANSWER. Clear and concise. Simple past is used.

Option D - Incorrect

"They" is redundant. Removing it makes the sentence clearer. Moreover, the actions "linked" and "showed" must be in the same tense. They are parallel effects that happen at the same time. Here, "have linked" happens AFTER "studies showed". Does not make a lot of sense.

Option E - Incorrect

"They showed" that in societies where they consume little salt, their ..." -- the 1st "they" is redundant. "Showed" suggests that this happened BEFORE the studies "linked high salt content to high rates of hypertension". The second and third "they" do not have antecedents.

Question 101

OA - D

Experts estimate that ten times as much petroleum exists in sources like tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even in shale than in conventional reservoirs.

A. sources like tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even in shale than
B. sources like tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even in shale than are
C. such sources as tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even in shale as are
D. such sources as tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even shale as
E. such sources as tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even shale than
Option A - Incorrect

"Like" cannot be used to state examples. In addition, "tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even in shale" is not parallel. "As much + than" is unidiomatic.

Option B - Incorrect

"Like" cannot be used to state examples. In addition, "tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even in shale" is not parallel. "than are" cannot substitute for "exists". "As much + than" is unidiomatic.

Option C - Incorrect

"Tar sands, heavy oil, and perhaps even in shale" is not parallel. The verb "are" cannot substitute for "exists" (we cannot say "are exists").

Option D - Correct Answer

Correct Answer - Uses the idiom "as much as"

Option E - Incorrect

Incorrect Idiom - Uses "As much...than"

Question 102

OA - A

Since February, the Federal Reserve has raised its short-term interest rate target five times, and because of the economy’s continued strength, analysts have been predicting for weeks that the target will be raised again in November.
A. because of the economy’s continued strength, analysts have been predicting for weeks that the target will
B. with the economy’s strength continuing, analysts predicted for weeks that the target
C. because the economy continues strong, analysts predicted for weeks that the target would
D. due to the economy’s continued strength, analysts have been predicting for weeks
that the target
E. due to the fact of the economy’s continued strength, analysts predicted for weeks that the target will

Option A – Correct answer

“Analysts have been predicting for weeks that the target will be raised again in November” – note that “will” implies that November is in the future.

Option B – Incorrect

“Analysts predicted for weeks that the target” – this implies that analysts are no longer making this prediction. This does not make sense in the context. The target has been revised five times already and because the economy looks strong, analysts expect that the target will be increased again in November. Simple past “predicted” does not make sense here.

“Target be raised” suggests command subjunctive. Incorrect here. “predict” is not a bossy verb.

Option C – Incorrect

“Because the economy continues strong, analysts predicted for weeks that the target would be revised in November” – this implies that target was NOT revised in November and that they are no longer making this prediction. In addition, this fact in the present -- “economy continues strong” (something that is true now) was used to make a prediction in the past. Not logical.

Finally, “economy continues strong” is incorrect because “strong” is an adjective and hence cannot refer to “continues”.

Option D – Incorrect

“Due to the economy’s continued strength, analysts” – suggests that “analysts” are due to the economy’s strength. Illogical.

“Target be raised” suggests command subjunctive. Incorrect here. “Predict” is not a bossy verb.
Option E – Incorrect

“due to the fact of the economy’s continued strength, analysts” – suggests that “analysts” are due to the economy’s strength. Illogical. Also, note that “fact of” is redundant. “Economy’s continued strength” is A FACT. So, this means we are saying “due to fact of a fact” – illogical.

“Analysts predicted for weeks” – implies that they are no longer making this prediction. Does not make sense when we see that November is still in the future (as indicated by “will be raised in November”) and that the economy continues strong.

Question 103

OA - E

When drafting the Declaration of Sentiments that was adopted at the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention in 1848, included in it by the author, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was a call for female enfranchisement.
A. When drafting the Declaration of Sentiments that was adopted at the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention in 1848, included in it by the author, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was a call for female enfranchisement.
B. Including a call for female enfranchisement, a draft of the Declaration of Sentiments was adopted at the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention in 1848 that Elizabeth Cady Stanton wrote.
C. When the Declaration of Sentiments drafted by Elizabeth Cady Stanton was adopted at the Seneca Falls Women's Convention in 1848, a call for female enfranchisement had been included in it.
D. A call for female enfranchisement, included in Elizabeth Cady Stanton's draft of the Declaration of Sentiments in 1848, that was adopted by the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention.
E. When Elizabeth Cady Stanton drafted the Declaration of Sentiments that was adopted at the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention in 1848, she included in it a call for female enfranchisement.

Option A – Incorrect

“When drafting the Declaration of Sentiments ...” should have referred to “Elizabeth Cady Stanton”.

Option B – Incorrect
“That Elizabeth Cady Stanton wrote” seems to refer to “Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention in 1848”.

In addition, this option does not tell us who included the call for female enfranchisement in the draft.

Option C – Incorrect

“A call for female enfranchisement had been included in it” – by whom? Not clear.

“When the Declaration of Sentiments drafted by Elizabeth Cady Stanton” – implies that there are versions of the declaration NOT written by ECS.

Option D – Incorrect

Not a complete sentence.

“Included in Elizabeth Cady Stanton's draft of the Declaration of Sentiments in 1848” – by whom? Not clear.

“That was adopted by the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention” – when was this held? Not clear.

Question 104

OA - D

Rejecting the apprenticeship model of training social workers in philanthropic agencies, twentieth century reformer Edith Abbott was convinced of social work education belonging in the university so that students could be offered a broad range of courses dealing with social issues.

A. of social work education belonging in the university so that
B. that social work education should be in the university, and that
C. about the importance of social work education belonging in the university while
D. that social work education belonged in the university, where
E. of the necessity of social work education being in the university and

Option A – Incorrect
She was not convinced of 'social work education', but rather that social work education belongs in a university. ‘Convinced of’ is unidiomatic.

Option B - Incorrect
‘And’ introduces a list of items. This usage does not connect idea 1 (social education belongs in a university) with idea 2 (students could be offered a broad range ...). The passive construction used in idea 2 is not clear. Where will the students be offered such a broad range of courses?

Option C – Incorrect
Meaning error. She was not convinced about the importance of ‘social work education’, but rather that social work education belongs in a university.
Also, the modifier ‘belonging …’ changes the meaning of the sentence. It seems to imply that she was convinced only about the importance of those social work courses that belong in a university. ‘Convinced about’ is unidiomatic.

Option D – Correct Answer
Correct Answer. ‘Convinced that’ is the proper idiomatic construction.

Option E - Incorrect
The usage of ‘being’ is incorrect. Also, ‘and’ introduces parallelism. ‘Students could be offered …’ is parallel to ‘Edith Abbott was convinced of...’. This introduces a list of two things that do not have a spatial relationship to each other. ‘Convinced of’ is unidiomatic.

Question 105
OA - B
Past assessments of the Brazilian rain forest have used satellite images to tally deforested areas, where farmers and ranchers have clear-cut and burned all the trees, but such work has not addressed either logging, which is the removal of only selected trees, as well as surface fires, burning down individual trees but do not denude the forest.
A. which is the removal of only selected trees, as well as surface fires, burning
B. which removes only selected trees, or surface fires that burn
C. which removes only selected trees, along with surface fires that burn
D. removing only selected trees, or surface fires, burning
E. removing only selected trees, as well as surface fires that burn

Option A - Incorrect
The correlative conjunction "either X or Y" requires perfect parallelism between X and Y. "either + as well as" is incorrect. 'Burning down individual trees' is not parallel to 'do not denude forests'

Option B - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. "Either X or Y". X = logging; Y = surface fires. Note that both X and Y are nouns and are grammatically and logically parallel.

Option C - Incorrect
"Either + along with" - incorrect.

Option D – Incorrect
The two clauses around 'but' are not parallel. 'Burning down individual trees' is not parallel to 'do not denude forests'

Option E - Incorrect
"Either + as well as" - incorrect.

Question 106
OA - B
Seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, but it ran 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, the Erie Canal connected the Hudson River at Albany to the Great Lakes at Buffalo, providing the port of New York City with a direct water link to the heartland of the North American continent.
A. Seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, but it ran 363 miles across the
rugged wilderness of upstate New York, the Erie Canal connected
B. Seldom more than 40 feet wide or 12 feet deep but running 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, the Erie Canal connected
C. It was seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, and ran 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, but the Erie Canal, connecting
D. The Erie Canal was seldom more than 40 feet wide or 12 feet deep and it ran 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, which connected
E. The Erie Canal, seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, but running 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, connecting

Option A - Incorrect
Note that "but" requires parallel construction. "Seldom more than ..." is a phrase whereas "but it ran ..." is a clause.

Option B - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Two phrases are connected in parallel.

Option C - Incorrect
"But" must be followed by a clause. Note that we do not use a comma before "and" to separate two phrases, only two clauses. Hence ", and ran" is incorrect. Note that the contrast between "40 ft wide ... but ran 363 miles" is missing. However, there is a false contrast between "ran 363 miles but the Erie Canal connected ..."

Option D - Incorrect
'Which' incorrectly modifies 'New York'. Note that the contrast between "40 ft wide ... but ran 363 miles" is missing

Option E - Incorrect
This is a sentence fragment as the sentence does not have an active verb.

Question 107
OA - C
According to a recent study of consumer spending on prescription medications, increases in the sales of the 50 drugs that were advertised most heavily accounts for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year, the remainder of which came from sales of the 9,850 prescription medicines that companies did not advertise or advertised very little.

A. heavily accounts for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year, the remainder of which came

B. heavily were what accounted for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year; the remainder of the increase coming

C. heavily accounted for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year, the remainder of the increase coming

D. heavily, accounting for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year, while the remainder of the increase came

E. heavily, which accounted for almost half of the $20.8 billion increase in drug spending last year, with the remainder of it coming

Option A - Incorrect
Plural subject "increases" needs plural verb 'account'.

Option B - Incorrect
The second clause after ';' is a sentence fragment as it does not have an active verb. 'what accounted' is redundant as removing that does not change the meaning of the sentence.

Option C - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Note that the construction at the end - "the remainder + coming" is an absolute phrase.

Option D - Incorrect
Sentence fragment. In addition, if we remove the intervening non-essential modifier, the sentence reads - "increases in the sales of the 50 drugs that were advertised most heavily while the remainder of the increase came" - Illogical.

Option E - Incorrect
The usage of "which" is incorrect.

**Question 108**

**OA - A**

Sulfur dioxide, a major contributor to acid rain, is an especially serious pollutant because it diminishes the respiratory system’s ability to deal with all other pollutants.

A. an especially serious pollutant because it diminishes the respiratory system’s ability to deal
B. an especially serious pollutant because of diminishing the respiratory system’s capability of dealing
C. an especially serious pollutant because it diminishes the capability of the respiratory system in dealing
D. a specially serious pollutant because it diminishes the capability of the respiratory system to deal
E. a specially serious pollutant because of diminishing the respiratory system’s ability to deal

**Option A - Correct Answer**

CORRECT ANSWER. Modifiers are correctly placed and structured.

**Option B - Incorrect**

"Because of + Verb-ing" is considered unidiomatic.

**Option C - Incorrect**

Capability in dealing’ is unidiomatic.

**Option D - Incorrect**

Usage of "specially" is incorrect. "Specially" = "in a special manner"; "especially" = "particularly". "Capability to" is unidiomatic.

**Option E - Incorrect**
"Because of + Verb-ing" is considered unidiomatic.

Question 109
OA - A
Regardless of their form or function, all aerodynamically enhanced, curved objects made for throwing have been called boomerangs by non-Australians even since 1788, when Europeans saw Dharug-speaking men tossing "bumariny" in the area later known as Sydney.
A. Regardless of their form or function, all aerodynamically enhanced, curved objects made for throwing have been called boomerangs by non-Australians even since 1788, any aerodynamically enhanced, curved object made for throwing has been called a boomerang by non-Australians even since 1788,
B. Regardless of their form or function, any aerodynamically enhanced, curved object made for throwing has been called a boomerang by non-Australians even since 1788,
C. Ever since 1788, non-Australians have called all aerodynamically enhanced, curved objects made for throwing boomerangs, regardless of their form or function, from
D. Ever since 1788, any aerodynamically enhanced, curved object made for throwing has been called a boomerang by non-Australians, regardless of its form or function, from
E. Non-Australians have called all aerodynamically enhanced, curved objects made for throwing boomerang ever since 1788, regardless of their form or function, from

Option A - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Correctly modified

Option B - Incorrect
Any curved object is singular. The pronoun 'its' should be used instead of 'their'

Option C - Incorrect
'Ever since' and 'from when' are redundant together. In addition, we do not know when Europeans saw Dhurag-speaking people as "from when" does not refer to 1788.

Option D - Incorrect
'Ever since' and 'from when' are redundant together. In addition, we do not know when Europeans saw Dhurag-speaking people as "from when" does not refer to 1788.
Option E - Incorrect

Ever since' and 'from when' are redundant together. "From when" refers to "form or function" - incorrect.

Question 110

OA - B

Tom Bradley was mayor of Los Angeles from 1973 to 1993, an era when the city had transformed from a collection of suburban neighborhoods to the second-largest city in the United States.
A. an era when the city had transformed
B. an era during which the city was transformed
C. an era that transformed it
D. during which era the city transformed
E. during which the city was transformed

Option A - Incorrect

The past perfect 'had transformed' is incorrect as we are referring to a specific time period. Use simple past.

Option B - Correct Answer

CORRECT ANSWER. During which modifies an era correctly

Option C - Incorrect

The era did not transform the city. The transformation happened during the era.

Option D - Incorrect

This is inferior to option B. The city was transformed. It did not transform itself.

Option E - Incorrect
"During" can refer either to "1993" or to "1973 to 1993". Hence, ambiguous. Using "era" makes the meaning more clear.

Question 111

OA - A

Nobody knows exactly how many languages there are in the world, partly because of the difficulty of distinguishing between a language and the sub-languages or dialects within it, but those who have tried to count typically have found about five thousand.

A. and the sub-languages or dialects within it, but those who have tried to count typically have found
B. and the sub-languages or dialects within them, with those who have tried counting typically finding
C. and the sub-languages or dialects within it, but those who have tried counting it typically find
D. or the sub-languages or dialects within them, but those who tried to count them typically found
E. or the sub-languages or dialects within them, with those who have tried to count typically finding

Option A - Correct Answer

CORRECT ANSWER

Option B - Incorrect

The pronoun 'it' should be used instead of 'them' to refer to 'language'. The modifier "with those who have tried ... finding about 5000" does not make any sense/have any bearing on with "because of the difficulty of distinguishing between a language and sublanguages within it". We need "but" to indicate contrast.

Option C - Incorrect

"It" refers to language. "But those who have tried counting language (it)" is nonsense. "Those who have tried counting typically find ..." - The present tense implies a general truth (true now, in the past and in the future). Incorrect. We need either simple past or present perfect to indicate something in the past.
Option D - Incorrect
Between X and Y' is the right idiom not 'between X or Y'. "Them" has no antecedent.

Option E - Incorrect
Between X and Y' is the right idiom not 'between X or Y'. The pronoun 'it' should be used instead of 'them' to refer to 'language'. The modifier "with those who have tried ... finding about 5000" does not make any sense/have any bearing on with "because of the difficulty of distinguishing between a language and sublanguages within it". We need "but" to indicate contrast.

Question 112
OA - A
Discussion of greenhouse effects has usually focused on whether the Earth would warm and by how much, but climatologists have indicated all along that the most obvious effects, and those that would have the largest impact on people, would be extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess.
A. the most obvious effects, and those that would have the largest impact on people, would be extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess
B. the effects that are the most obvious ones, extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess, would be those impacting the most on people
C. those effects to have the largest impact on people, extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess, are what are the most obvious effects
D. extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess, the most obvious effects, that they would have the largest impact on people
E. extremes of temperature, precipitation, and storminess, which are the most obvious effects, are those to impact the most on people

Option A - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Events are described in chronological order. Sentence is clear and concise

Option B - Incorrect
"Ones" is redundant as removing it does not change the meaning. Also, this option seems to imply that "most obvious effects" are different from "extremes of"
temperature, pressure,...". This option is also wordy. Note that "those" refers to effects. The option then reads - "the effects ... would be effects impacting most on people". A better way to say this is - "the effects ... would have the most impact ..."

Option C - Incorrect
"Those" needs to refer to plural noun. Hence, incorrect. This option changes the meaning by stating that "the effects" will have the largest impact on "extremes of temperature". "Extremes of temperature" ARE the effects. "What are" is redundant as removing it does not change the meaning of the sentence.

Option D - Incorrect
"Indicated all along that...". "That" must be followed by a clause. Removing "that they" would make it a complete clause.

Option E - Incorrect
The present tense (used for general truths) is incorrect. "Extremes of temperatures ... are those to impact most..." implies that such extreme effects already affected people when climatologists made the statement. We need something that indicates future. "Would" indicates future-in-the-past.

Question 113
OA - C
Most states impose limitations on the authority of the legislature to borrow money, with their objectives being to protect taxpayers and the credit of the state government.
A. to borrow money, with their objectives being to protect
B. to borrow money, the objectives of which are the protecting of
C. to borrow money, limitations intended to protect
D. for borrowing money, of which the objective is protecting
E. for borrowing money, limitations with the intent of protecting

Option A - Incorrect
"With their objectives being to protect" - Note that states impose limitations with an objective. There is no need to say "their" objective as it is implied. "to protect taxpayers and the credit ..." is singular and hence one objective. Hence, plural "objectives" is incorrect.

Option B - Incorrect
Antecedent of 'which' - 'limitations' is too far removed from it. Continuous form 'protecting' is not preferred to 'protect' or 'protection'. "Protecting of taxpayers and the credit ..." is singular and hence one objective. Hence, plural "objectives" is incorrect.

Option C - Correct Answer
CORRECT ANSWER. Absolute modifier is correctly used.

Option D - Incorrect
Antecedent of 'which' - 'limitations' is too far removed from it. Continuous form 'protecting' is not preferred to 'protect/protecting'. "Authority for borrowing money" suggests that there is a special authority to do so. Not the intended meaning. "Authority to borrow money" talks about the power to borrow money.

Option E - Incorrect
Continuous form 'protecting' is not preferred to 'protect/protection'. 'Limitations' do not have an intent. "Authority for borrowing money" suggests that there is a special authority to do so. Not the intended meaning. "Authority to borrow money" talks about the power to borrow money.

Question 114
OA - A
The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft will orbit the asteroid Eros for a year, slowly moving closer to the surface of the object to make ever more precise measurements that scientists hope will enable them to understand how the solar system formed some four billion years ago.
A. to make ever more precise measurements that scientists hope will enable them to
B. to make ever more and more precise measurements, which scientists are hoping to enable them
C. for making ever more precise measurements, and scientists hope that they will be able to
D. with the purpose of making more precise measurements than ever, and which scientists hope will enable them to
E. in order to make more precise measurements than it ever did, and scientists are hoping they will be able to

Option A - Correct Answer
Correct Answer. Uses simple future 'will enable'. No ambiguity.

Option B - Incorrect
"Ever more and more" is incorrect. "Them" seems to refer to "scientists". "Scientists are hoping to enable scientists" is nonsense.

Option C - Incorrect
'To make' is superior to 'for making'. "And" is used to introduce a list of two things that are not related. "NEAR spacecraft will orbit the asteroid ..." and "scientists hope that they will be able to ..." are related ideas. Hence, it is inappropriate to connect them with "and".

Option D - Incorrect
"And which" is not parallel to anything. "Which" seems to refer to "a year" (the last noun of the main clause). "More precise measurements" is ambiguous. It can modify either "precise" or "measurements".

Option E - Incorrect
"And" introduces two things that are not related. "Scientists are hoping they will be able to" and "the NEAR spacecraft will orbit asteroid Eros" are related ideas. "Hoping they will be able to" - "hoping" must be followed by a "that". "More precise measurements" is ambiguous. It can modify either "precise" or "measurements".
Question 115

OA - D

In addition to being China’s first administrators, in the sense that they developed a coherent bureaucracy for their empire, the first literate culture in East Asia were the Shang, and they were well known for crafting ornate bronze ritual vessels.

A. the first literate culture in East Asia were the Shang, and they were well known for crafting
B. the first literate culture in East Asia were the Shang, well known as the crafters of
C. the Shang, as the first literate culture in East Asia, is well known for its crafting
D. the Shang were the first literate culture in East Asia and are well known as the crafters of
E. the Shang were the first literate culture in East Asia and well known for its crafted

Option A - Incorrect
Incorrect usage of modifiers. "The Shang" is to be modified and not the 'the first literate culture’.

Option B - Incorrect
Incorrect usage of modifiers. "The Shang" is to be modified and not the “the first literate culture”.

Option C - Incorrect
The Shang are referred to as "they" in the non-underlined portion, hence should be plural. Hence, "is well known" is wrong.

Option D - Correct Answer
Correct. Properly modifies The Shang. Correctly uses Subject Verb.

Option E - Incorrect
"Shang" is plural. Hence, "its" is incorrect.
Question 116

OA - D

In some species of cricket, the number of chirps per minute used by the male for attracting females rise and fall in accordance with the surrounding temperature, and they can in fact serve as an approximate thermometer.
A. for attracting females rise and fall in accordance with the surrounding temperature, and they can in fact serve
B. for attracting females rises and falls in accordance with the surrounding temperature, which can in fact serve
C. in attracting females rise and fall in accordance with the surrounding temperature, in fact possibly serving
D. to attract females rises and falls in accordance with the surrounding temperature, and it can in fact serve
E. to attract females rises and falls in accordance with the surrounding temperature, in fact possibly serving

Option A - Incorrect
"The number of chirps" is singular. We need to say, "Rises and falls". "They" is also incorrect here.

Option B - Incorrect
The usage of "which" is incorrect.

Option C - Incorrect
"The number of chirps" is singular. We need to say, "Rises and falls". Convert the modifier into a sentence and check if it makes sense - "the number of chirps in fact possibly serves as an approximate thermometer" - suggests we are not sure whether it serves as an approximate thermometer. Not the intended meaning. Moreover, when we say "in fact" we are sure of what the facts are. "Possibly" then does not make sense. "In attracting" does not make sense, as "usage of chirps" is not a component of "attraction of females".

Option D - Correct Answer
Correct.

Option E - Incorrect

Convert the modifier into a sentence and check if it makes sense - "the number of chirps in fact possibly serves as an approximate thermometer" - suggests we are not sure whether it serves as an approximate thermometer. Not the intended meaning. Moreover, when we say "in fact" we are sure of what the facts are. "Possibly" then does not make sense.

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