

Name _____ Date _____

COMMA SPLICES, FUSED SENTENCES, AND FRAGMENTS

Directions: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

- The dogs drooled while we ate slices of hot pizza but the cat feigned nonchalance even
though we knew that she wanted a pepperoni.
A B C
A. drooled. While
B. pizza, but
C. nonchalance. Even
D. No change is necessary.
- Mary Ellen screamed, her roommate’s pet tarantula crawled out of the bag of popcorn.
A. screamed her
B. screamed; because, her
C. screamed as her
D. No change is necessary.
- Running late with dinner, Elizabeth fussed with seasonings and wiped spots off the
glasses. While the family stared at their empty plates.
A B C
A. dinner; Elizabeth
B. seasonings, and
C. glasses while
D. No change is necessary.
- Everyone scrambled off the lakeside patio. When the 10-foot alligator lumbered onto shore.
A. patio when
B. patio; when
C. patio, when
D. No change is necessary.

5. The glass of iced tea promised thirst-quenching refreshment Roseanne, however, had to
 A B
 beat Maria to the refrigerator as they raced through the front door.
 C
- A. refreshment. Roseanne
 B. however; had
 C. refrigerator; as
 D. No change is necessary.
6. Warren wanted to make a good impression on Melody but the soda explosion that soaked
 his shirt ruined their first meeting.
- A. Melody; but, the
 B. Melody; however, the
 C. Melody, however, the
 D. No change is necessary.
7. Because of the hot sun, ice cream ran down the cone and coated Randall's fingers, his
 A B C
 tongue couldn't keep up.
- A. sun; ice cream
 B. cone, and
 C. fingers, for his
 D. No change is necessary.
8. Wanda took a deep breath and got ready to yell. Because Paul was about to explain why his
 half of the rent would be late again.
- A. yell, because
 B. yell because
 C. yell for
 D. No change is necessary.
9. After Simon bought roses for Emily, he spotted Derek's car in her driveway and realized
 A B
 that this gesture would not repair the relationship or win back her love.
 C
- A. Emily. He
 B. driveway. And
 C. relationship; or
 D. No change is necessary.

10. Since Larry had studied for hours; he was relieved to find a big red A at the top of his grammar quiz.
- A. hours he
 - B. hours. He
 - C. hours, he
 - D. No change is necessary.



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