

PUNCTUATION

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

1. (A) Although Raymond will eat a (B) grasshopper, he refuses all green (C) vegetables; such as peas, spinach, and even cucumbers.
 - A. Although, Raymond
 - B. grasshopper he
 - C. vegetables, such
 - D. No change is necessary.

2. Before his calculus (A) exam Scott (B) rubbed his lucky rabbit’s (C) foot and found his favorite pencil.
 - A. exam, Scott
 - B. rubbed, his
 - C. foot, and
 - D. No change is necessary.

3. Francine has five (A) chair’s but six (B) guests coming for Thanksgiving dinner; she hopes that old Uncle Ross (C) remembers to bring an extra.
 - A. chairs
 - B. guests’
 - C. remember’s
 - D. No change is necessary.

4. Roseanne washed the piles of dirty ^(A) **dishes; while** Maria vacuumed the filthy rug; they ^(B) **tried to** complete a ^(C) **month's** worth of housekeeping in a single hour.
- A. dishes while
B. tried, to
C. months
D. No change is necessary.
5. Audrey ^(A) **can't** leave work early, and Peggy ^(B) **wont** help with the cupcakes, so I guess ^(C) **I'll** have to do all the baking myself.
- A. ca'nt
B. won't
C. Ill
D. No change is necessary.
6. During our ^(A) **picnic, we** were tormented by ^(B) **insects: ants** swarming into the potato ^(C) **salad, bees** buzzing by our ears, and a katydid jumping into Henry's open mouth.
- A. picnic we
B. insects; ants
C. salad bees
D. No change is necessary.

Directions: Choose the sentence that is correctly punctuated.

- 7.
- A. Roger spent three hours writing Christinas paper.
B. Roger spent three hour's writing Christina's paper.
C. Roger spent three hours writing Christina's paper.

8.

- A. When the crickets and the frogs sing Luis cannot get a good nights sleep.
- B. When the crickets and the frogs sing, Luis cannot get a good night's sleep.
- C. When the cricket's and the frog's sing, Luis cannot get a good nights sleep.

9.

- A. Before you start painting the walls, you'll need a drop cloth and a ladder.
- B. Before you start painting the walls you'll need a drop cloth, and a ladder.
- C. Before you start painting the walls, youll need a drop cloth, and a ladder.

10.

- A. Darlene laughed at Jeb's haircut; it looked, as if goat's had grazed on his head.
- B. Darlene laughed at Jeb's haircut; it looked as if goats had grazed on his head.
- C. Darlene laughed at Jeb's haircut, it looked as if goats had grazed on his's head.

