

# PUNCTUATION

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

- (A) Although Raymond will eat a (B) grasshopper, he refuses all green (C) vegetables; such as peas, spinach, and even cucumbers.

  - Although, Raymond
  - grasshopper he
  - vegetables, such
  - No change is necessary.
- Before his calculus (A) exam Scott (B) rubbed his lucky rabbit’s (C) foot and found his favorite pencil.

  - exam, Scott
  - rubbed, his
  - foot, and
  - No change is necessary.
- 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.

  - chairs
  - guests’
  - remember’s
  - No change is necessary.

4. Roseanne washed the piles of dirty <sup>(A)</sup> **dishes; while** Maria vacuumed the filthy rug; they <sup>(B)</sup> **tried to** complete a <sup>(C)</sup> **month's** worth of housekeeping in a single hour.
- A. dishes while  
B. tried, to  
C. months  
D. No change is necessary.
5. Audrey <sup>(A)</sup> **can't** leave work early, and Peggy <sup>(B)</sup> **wont** help with the cupcakes, so I guess <sup>(C)</sup> **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 <sup>(A)</sup> **picnic, we** were tormented by <sup>(B)</sup> **insects: ants** swarming into the potato <sup>(C)</sup> **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.

