

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.”

1. The dogs ^(A) drooled while we ate slices of hot ^(B) pizza but the cat feigned ^(C) nonchalance even though we knew that she wanted a pepperoni.
 - A. drooled. While
 - B. pizza, but
 - C. nonchalance. Even
 - D. No change is necessary.
2. 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.
3. Running late with ^(A) dinner, Elizabeth fussed with ^(B) seasonings and wiped spots off the ^(C) glasses. While the family stared at their empty plates.
 - A. dinner; Elizabeth
 - B. seasonings, and
 - C. glasses while
 - D. No change is necessary.

4. 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 ^(A) **refreshment Roseanne,** ^(B) **however, had** to beat Maria to the ^(C) **refrigerator as** they raced through the front door.
- 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 ^(A) **sun, ice cream** ran down the ^(B) **cone and** coated Randall's ^(C) **fingers, his** 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 ^(A) **Emily, he** spotted Derek's car in her ^(B) **driveway and** realized that this gesture would not repair the ^(C) **relationship or** win back her love.
- 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.

