PARALLEL STRUCTURE

Directions: Choose the sentence that has no errors in structure.

1.
A. Barking dogs, kittens that were meowing, and squawking parakeets greet the pet shop visitors.
B. Barking dogs, meowing kittens, and squawking parakeets greet the pet shop visitors.
C. Dogs that bark, kittens that meow, and parakeets squawking greet the pet shop visitors.

2.
A. During class, Samuel spent his time flirting with Brittney, eating candy, and doodling on the assignment sheet.
B. During class, Samuel spent his time flirting with Brittney, he ate candy, and doodling on the assignment sheet.
C. During class, Samuel spent his time to flirt with Brittney, to eat candy, and doodling on the assignment sheet.

3.
A. Alex looked everywhere for his math book—under the bed, on his desk, and he searched inside the refrigerator.
B. Alex looked everywhere for his math book—viewing under the bed, searching on his desk, and inside the refrigerator.
C. Alex looked everywhere for his math book—under the bed, on his desk, and inside the refrigerator.
4.

A. The manager wanted staff who arrived on time, smiled at the customers, and didn’t snack on the chicken nuggets.
B. The manager wanted staff who arrived on time, would be smiling at the customers, and would not be snacking on the chicken nuggets.
C. The manager wanted staff who arrived on time, smiled at the customers, and no snacking on the chicken nuggets.

5.

A. After giving Jeremy her phone number, Felicia had to tolerate his late night calls, stupid conversations, and requests for her math homework.
B. After giving Jeremy her phone number, Felicia had to tolerate his late night calls, the fact that he carried on stupid conversations, and requests for her math homework.
C. After giving Jeremy her phone number, Felicia had to tolerate being woken up late at night, having stupid conversations, and he constantly requested her math homework.

**Directions:** Choose the correct word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence.

6. Pasta boiling in water, ________, and garlic bread baking in the oven welcomed Francisco as he opened the door.

A. simmered tomato sauce in the pan
B. tomato sauce simmering in the pan
C. tomato sauce that simmered in the pan
D. saucy tomatoes that were simmering in the pan
7. During our vacation in the Bahamas, we hope _______, to enjoy beautiful sunsets, and to dance ourselves dizzy at reggae clubs.

A. that we eat delicious seafood  
B. that eating delicious seafood occurs  
C. to eat delicious seafood  
D. eating delicious seafood  

8. Karen wished Ray chewed with his mouth closed, for otherwise he was everything she wanted in a date; he was tall, intelligent, and _______.

A. he looked good  
B. being good looking  
C. one handsome man to look at  
D. handsome  

9. To win Laurie’s love, Albert visited the florist for roses, the drugstore for a box of chocolates, and _______.

A. bought an expensive gold necklace at the jewelry store  
B. the jeweler for an expensive gold necklace  
C. the jeweler where he bought an expensive gold necklace  
D. to buy an expensive gold necklace  

10. Kimberly won’t date Terry because he is too short, too noisy, and _______.

A. because he picks his teeth with his fingers  
B. too impolite  
C. is the most impolite man she has ever met  
D. Picking his teeth with his fingers