

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.

