

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.

