

MODULE 5 – SENTENCE CORRECTION

Directions: Look at the underlined part of each sentence. Below each sentence is given possible substitutions for the underlined part. Choose the one that is better than the underlined part.

1. He was very tired as he is working since 6 O' clock in the morning

- A. he was working
- B. he had been working**
- C. he has been working
- D. he will be working

2. The girl to who I sold my car was very honest

- A. to who I sell
- B. to whom I sold**
- C. to who I sold
- D. to whom I sell

3. The small girl does whatever her mother was done.

- A. has did
- B. do
- C. had done
- D. does**

4. The population of China is higher than that of all other country in the world.

- A. higher than all other countries
- B. greater than all other countries
- C. greatest than that of any country
- D. higher than that of any other country**

5. The singer stood quietly for few moments before the performance.

- A. for moments
- B. for few times
- C. for a few moments**
- D. No correction required

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1. The lead actor had food poisoning and couldn't continue after the first act, but his understudy rose upon the occasion and was rewarded by an enthusiastic response from the audience.

- A. rose above the occasion
- B. rose against the situation
- C. rose to the occasion**
- d. rose over the situation

2. After Robert was elected president, he forgot his friends and tried to lord on them all the time.

- A. no correction required
- B. lord it around
- C. lord above
- D. lord it over**

3. His outburst today ate crow between heated protest and outright insult.

- A. crossed the line**
- B. brought to light
- C. put to rest
- D. struck a balance

4. I know you find lectures on philosophy tedious but please bear on me this one time.

- A. bear down on
- B. bear with**
- C. bear out
- D. bear up with

5. If I would have realized the nature of the job earlier, I would not have accepted it.

- A. If I have had
- B. In case I would have
- C. Had I been
- D. Had I**

Directions: Look at the underlined part of each sentence. Below each sentence are given possible substitutions for the underlined part. Choose the one that is correct. The first option is always the same as the underlined part. Hence choose option A if you think no change is required.

1. The people of the ancient Assyrian Empire were renowned warriors, although they also crafted some of the best-preserved ancient art.

- A. were renowned warriors, although they also crafted**
- B. had been renowned warriors, although they also crafted
- C. were renowned warriors, and also crafted
- D. was renowned warriors, although they also crafted

2. Among the litany of threats that many Israelis face, the potential for a nuclear-armed Iran is perhaps the more scary, as this scenario could engulf the region in a violent war. This would likely result in historically unseen amounts of destruction, even for a region whose history is marred by perennial violence.

- A. perhaps the more
- B. perhaps the most**
- C. Possibly, perhaps the most
- D. possibly the greatest

3. Despite being thousands of years old, the writing of Augustine of Hippo has inspired and captivated countless individuals, fundamentally because they convey the moving inner-journey of man searching for the divine in a lucid and compelling fashion.

- A. because they convey the moving inner-journey
- B. because of the fact conveying the moving inner-journey
- C. because of its conveyance of the moving inner-journey
- D. because it conveys the moving inner-journey**

4. On the Discovery channel last night, they showed an informative program about new innovations in medical imaging, which you would have found interesting.

A. they showed an informative program about new innovations in medical imaging, which you would have found interesting.

B. it showed an informative program about innovations in medical imaging, which you would have found interesting.

C. one was shown an informative program about innovations in medical imaging, that you would have found interesting.

D. there was an informative program about innovations in medical imaging, a program you would have found interesting.

5. World War II, which resulted in the death of over 70 million individuals, proved to be the deadliest conflict in human history, claiming nearly twice as many lives than would be killed in World War I.

A. lives than would be killed in World War I

B. lives as would World War I

C. lives than those who were killed in World War I

D. lives as World War I

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1. During the worst years of the Great Depression, America faced tremendous challenges as unemployment topped 25%. Many historians credit the New Deal and the World War II industrial complex for propelling America out of the depression and into a then-unparalleled time of economic prosperity

A. for propelling

B. with having propelled

C. as propelling

D. with propelling

2. If the gardener would sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than the garden, he might get a better display of flowers.

A. If the gardener would sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than the garden

B. If the gardener sowed the seeds in the greenhouse rather than the garden

C. If the gardener would sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than in the garden

D. If the gardener were to sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than in the garden

3. Twenty-two feet long and 10 feet in diameter, the AM-1 is one of the many new satellites that are a part of 15 years effort of subjecting the interactions of Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces to detailed scrutiny from space.

A. is one of the many new satellites that are a part of 15 years effort of subjecting the interactions of Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces to

B. are one of the many new satellites that is a part of 15 years effort of subjecting the interactions of Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces to

C. are one of the many new satellites that is a part of 15 years effort of subjecting the interactions of Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces for

D. is one of the many new satellites that are a part of 15 years effort of subjecting the interactions of Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces on

4. Floating in the waters of the equatorial Pacific, data is collected and transmitted by an array of buoys on long-term interactions between the ocean and the atmosphere, interactions that affect global climate.

- A. Floating in the waters of the equatorial Pacific, data is collected and transmitted by an array of buoys
- B. Floating in the waters of the equatorial Pacific, an array of buoys collect and transmit data
- C. Floating in the waters of the equatorial Pacific, data are collected and transmitted by an array of buoys
- D. Floating in the waters of the equatorial Pacific, an array of buoys collects and transmits data**

5. New hardy varieties of rice show promise of producing high yields without the costly irrigation and application of commercial fertilizer that were required by earlier high yielding varieties.

- A. of producing high yields without the costly irrigation and application of commercial fertilizer that were required by earlier high yielding varieties**
- B. to produce high yields without the costly requirements of irrigation and application of commercial fertilizer of earlier high yielding varieties
- C. to produce high yields without the costly irrigation and application of commercial fertilizer that was required by earlier high yielding varieties
- D. of producing high yields without the costly requirements of irrigation and application of commercial fertilizer for earlier high yielding varieties

Home Exercise:

Directions: Look at the underlined part of each sentence. Below each sentence are given possible substitutions for the underlined part. Choose the one that is correct. The first option is always same as the underlined part. Hence choose option A if you think no change is required.

1. In addition to enhanced their reputations through strategic use of philanthropy, companies are sponsoring social initiatives to open new markets.

- A. of enhancing their reputation
- B. to having enhance their reputation
- C. to enhancing their reputation**
- D. to have their reputation enhancing

2. Can you tell me why did you not speak the truth?

- A. why did not you speak
- B. that why did you not speak
- C. why you did not speak**
- D. why did you not spoke

3. They continued to work in the field despite of the heavy rains.

- A. even though there is heavy rain
- B. although heavily rains
- C. in spite the heavy rains
- D. even though it rained heavily**

4. As there was no time, the remaining items were deferred into the next meeting.

- A. are deferred till
- B. were deferred till**
- C. were deferred to
- D. had deferred with

5. What kind of a car do you want?

A. What kinds of car do you want?

B. What kind of car do you want?

C. What kind of a car are you wanting?

D. What are the kinds of car you want?

6. According to a recent study, financial problems, together with their serious ramifications, ranks as one of the high causes of marital stress in America.

A. ranks as one of the high causes of marital stress in America

B. rank as one of the leading causes of marital stress in America

C. rank as one of the most high causes of marital stress in America

D. ranks as one of the leading causes of marital stress in America

7. Sheila took the bright, red hat and put it on her head, which had been given to her by her friend.

A. Sheila took the bright, red hat and put it on her head, which had been given to her by her friend.

B. Which had been given to her by her friend. Sheila took the bright, red hat and put it on her head.

C. Sheila took the bright, red hat, which had been given to her by her friend, and put it on her head.

D. Sheila, which had been given to her by her friend, took the bright, red hat and put it on her head.

8. The problem he presented to the students was not only interesting and complicated.

A. was not only interesting and complicated

B. was not only interesting but also complicated

C. was only interesting and complicated

D. was interesting but complicated

9. Whoever is chosen as the new chief, they will not be able to fill the shoes of the present one.

A. Whoever is chosen as the new chief, they will

B. Whomever is chosen as the new chief, he will

C. Whoever is chosen as the new chief, it is likely that them will

D. Whoever is chosen as the new chief will

10. One of the many problems of running a business are to find trustworthy people who undertake their jobs with sincerity.

A. of running a business are to find trustworthy people who undertake

B. of running a business is finding trustworthy people who undertakes

C. of running a business is finding trustworthy people who undertake

D. of running a business would be to find trustworthy people undertaking

11. Found only in the Western Hemisphere and surviving through extremes of climate, hummingbirds' range extends from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, from sea-level rain forests to the edges of Andean snowfields and ice fields at altitudes of 15,000 feet.

A. Found only in the Western Hemisphere and surviving through extremes of climate, hummingbirds' range extends

B. Found only in the Western Hemisphere, the hummingbird survives extreme climates, its range extending

C. Found only in the Western Hemisphere and surviving through extremes of climate, hummingbirds' range extend

D. Found only in the Western Hemisphere and surviving through extremes of climate, the hummingbird survives through extreme climates, their range extending

12. Especially in the early years, new entrepreneurs may need to find resourceful ways, like renting temporary office space or using answering services, that make their company seem large and more firmly established than they may actually be.

- A. that make their company seem large and more firmly established than they may actually be
- B. to make their companies seem larger and more firmly established than they may actually be**
- C. to make their company seem large and more firmly established than they may actually be
- D. that make their company seem larger and more firmly established than they may actually be

13. As a baby emerges from the darkness of the womb with a rudimentary sense of vision, they would be rated about 20/500, or legally blind if they were an adult with such vision.

- A. As a baby emerges from the darkness of the womb with a rudimentary sense of vision, they would be rated about 20/500, or legally blind if they were an adult with such vision.
- B. A baby emerges from the darkness of the womb with a rudimentary sense of vision that would be rated about 20/500; an adult with such vision would be deemed legally blind.**
- C. As a baby emerges from the darkness of the womb with a rudimentary sense of vision, the vision would be rated about 20/500, or legally blind if it were an adult with such vision.
- D. A baby emerge from the darkness of the womb with a rudimentary sense of vision that would be rated about 20/500; such visions would be deemed legally blind in an adult.

14. One view of the economy contend that a large drop in oil prices should eventually lead to a lowering of interest rates and of fears about inflation, a rally in stocks and bonds, and a weakening of the dollar.

- A. One view of the economy contend that a large drop in oil prices should eventually lead to a lowering of interest rates
- B. One view of the economy contend that a large drop in oil prices should eventually lead to lowering of interest rates
- C. One view of the economy contends that a large drop in oil prices should eventually led to lowering of interest rates
- D. One view of the economy contends that a large drop in oil prices should eventually lead to a lowering of interest rates**

15. The computer company announced that it will purchase the color-printing division of a rival company for \$950 million as part of a deal that will make it the largest manufacturer in the office color-printing market.

- A. The computer company announced that it will purchase the color-printing division of a rival company for \$950 million
- B. The computer company had announced that it will purchase the color-printing division of a rival company at \$950 million
- C. The computer company has announced that it will purchase the color-printing division of a rival company for \$950 million**
- D. The computer company have announced that they will purchase the color-printing division of a rival company for \$950 million