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Study Guide Issue 2 Midterm
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1. Grammar

Part 1 Basic rules

1. Capitalize the First Word of Every Sentence

Every new sentence must begin with a capital letter.

2. Capitalize Proper Nouns

A **proper noun** is the name of a specific person, place, or thing.

Examples:

✓ I live in **India**.

✗ Utah is a state in the midwest (Midwest should be capitalized)

✗ New York city is very cool. (City should be capitalized)

3. Capitalize Names of People

Always capitalize names.

Examples:

✓ My teacher is **Mr. David**.

✗ My favourite author is dr. Seuss (Capitalise Dr)

4. Capitalize Names of Places

This includes countries, cities, mountains, rivers, and continents.

Examples:

✓ **Delhi** is the capital of **India**.

✗ I passed by lake Mississippi and lake Missouri on my way to Louisiana (Lake and Lake should be capitalized)

5. Capitalize Days, Months, and Holidays

Names of days, months, and holidays are capitalized. **Seasons are not.**

Examples:

✓ Today is **Monday**.

✓ I was born in **July**.

6. Capitalize Titles of People

When you write someone's title **with their name**, capitalize it.

Examples:

✓ **Dr. Sharma** is a dentist.

✓ **President Biden** gave a speech.

✗ I visited uncle McGill this afternoon. (Uncle should be capitalized)

7. Capitalize Titles of Books, Movies, and Songs

Capitalize the **main words** in titles. Do **not** capitalize short words like *a, an, the, and, of* unless they are the **first word**.

Examples:

✓ I am reading *The Secret Garden*.

✓ My favorite movie is *Life of Pi*.

✓ We sang *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*.

8. Capitalize Nationalities, Languages, and Religions

Examples:

✓ He is **Indian**.

✓ She speaks **French**.

✗ She is from Japan, but she doesn't know how to speak japanese. (Capitalize Japanese)

9. Capitalize Brands and Company Names

Brand names and company names are **proper nouns**, so they should be capitalized.

Examples:

✓ I bought a **Samsung** phone.

✗ I don't like eating popeyes's fried chicken. I prefer mcdonalds more. (Capitalize Popeyes and McDonald's)

10. Capitalize Historical Periods and Events

Examples:

✓ The **Second World War** ended in 1945.

✗ The scientific revolution is a period during which many people explored new knowledge. (capitalize Scientific Revolution)

11. Capitalize Names of Organizations and Institutions

Examples:

✓ I studied at **Delhi University**.

✗ Shanghai High School administration office is very busy this month. (Capitalize Administration Office)

Part 2 Special occasions

Capitalization and quotes

Capitalize the first word in a complete sentence that is a **direct quote**, even if the **quote** begins in the middle of or at the end of a sentence.

Marie Antoinette never actually said, "Let them eat cake."

If the quote is a **sentence fragment** that is a continuation of the larger sentence, do not capitalize it. This is most common when you're quoting only a specific word or phrase instead of a long passage.

The substitute teacher called our class "goodish and unruly."