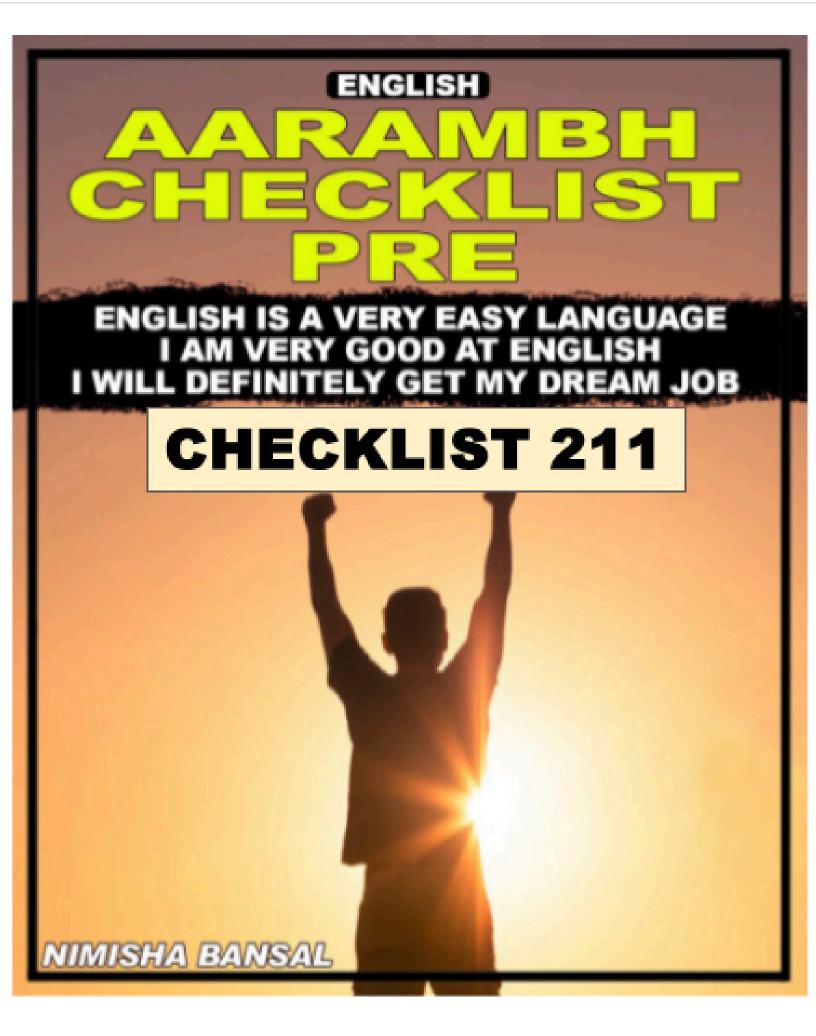
ENGLISH WITH NIMISHA BANSAL



Phrase Replacement

Directions (1-10): In the following question, sentences are given with a part in bold. The given phrase in the bold may or may not contain an error. The options following can replace the incorrect phrase. The correct phrase that is to be replaced will be your answer. If the sentences are correct then select 'No improvement required' as your answer.

Question 1:

The proposals that were once considered to be too radical for mainstream adoption **has now gained widespread support**.

- (A) had now gaining widespread support
- (B) has been gained widespread support
- (C) had been now gained widespread support
- (D) have now gained widespread support
- (E) No change required

Question 2:

She is considered good in mathematics via her teachers, but she often admits that she finds physics quite difficult.

- (A) is consider good with mathematics from her teachers
- (B) is considered good by mathematics by her teachers
- (C) is considered good at mathematics by her teachers
- (D) is considered good for mathematics by her teachers
- (E) No change required

Question 3:

The project requires not only dedication **but also to work efficiently under pressure**.

- (A) but also working efficiently
- (B) but also the ability to work efficiently
- (C) but also to be efficient under pressure

- (D) but also work efficiently under pressure
- (E) No change required

Question 4:

The pastries, **covered in chocolate and filled in cream**, were devoured by the children.

- (A) Covered in chocolate and filled through cream
- (B) Who were covered in chocolate and filled with cream
- (C) Having covered themselves in chocolate and cream
- (D) Covered in chocolate and filled with cream
- (E) No change required

Question 5:

Were she given more time, she could have completed the project successfully.

- (A) If she was given more time
- (B) If she had been given more time
- (C) If she would be given more time
- (D) If she could be given more time
- (E) No change required

Question 6:

The novel portrays what the mind is capable of achieving under extreme stress.

- (A) how the mind is capable of achieving
- (B) what the mind is capable achieving
- (C) what the mind can be capable of achieving
- (D) what the mind is capable to achieve
- (E) No change required

Question 7:

The police officer approached carefully in order that the suspect be apprehended without incident.

- (A) to apprehend the suspect without incident
- (B) so that the suspect was apprehended without incidence
- (C) in order for the suspect to apprehend without incident
- (D) so the suspect be apprehend without incident
- (E) No change required

Question 8:

The teacher explained the complex topic clearly so that the students **could understand it better**.

- (A) may understand it better
- (B) could understood those better
- (C) might understand them well
- (D) would understood it better
- (E) No change required

Question 9:

If I were you, I will speak to the manager immediately.

- (A) If I am you, I would speak
- (B) If I was you, I will speak
- (C) If I were you, I would speak
- (D) If I were you, I had spoken
- (E) No change required

Question 10:

Her determination shows how anyone could overcomes obstacles if they stay focused.

- (A) what anyone can overcome obstacles
- (B) how anyone can overcame obstacles
- (C) how anyone can overcome obstacle
- (D) how anyone can overcome obstacles
- (E) No change required

ANSWER

1.Answer: (D)

Explanation:

The subject of the sentence is "**The proposals**", which is **plural**. Therefore, the verb must also be **plural**: "have" instead of "has."

"Gained" is the correct past participle that follows "have." So, "have gained" is correct.

"Now" is an adverb modifying "have gained" and is correctly placed between them: "have now gained."

Correct sentence: The proposals that were once considered to be too radical for mainstream adoption have now gained widespread support.

2.Answer: (C) Explanation:

The correct idiomatic phrase is "good at mathematics," not "good in," "with," "by," or "for."

"Considered" is a past participle, so "is considered" is correct (ruling out A).

Option (C) maintains grammatical accuracy and correct idiomatic usage.

Option (E) contains "in" and "via," both of which are incorrect or unnatural in this context.

Thus, **option (C)** is the most precise and appropriate correction.

Correct sentence: She is considered good at mathematics by her teachers, but she often admits that she finds physics quite difficult.

3.Answer: (B)

Explanation:

"Not only dedication" (a noun) must be followed by a parallel structure — i.e., another noun phrase. "The ability to work efficiently" ensures parallelism.

Correct sentence: The project requires not only dedication but also the ability to work efficiently under pressure.

4.Answer: (D) Explanation:

The preposition "in" is incorrect in the phrase "filled in cream." The correct expression is "filled with cream."

"Covered in" is acceptable and commonly used.

"Filled with" is the correct preposition for describing what something contains.

Correct sentence: The pastries, covered in chocolate and filled with cream, were devoured by the children.

5.Answer: (C) Explanation:

In English conditional sentences, the **if-clause** (the condition) usually does **not** contain modal verbs like **would** or **could** when expressing the condition itself. Instead, **would** appears in the **main clause** (the result), not the condition.

The sentence is a past unreal conditional.

Correct sentence: If she had been given more time, she could have completed the project.

6.Answer: (E) Explanation:

The phrase "what the mind is capable of achieving" correctly uses the idiomatic expression "capable of + verb-ing." Other options misuse prepositions or verb forms.

7.Answer: (A) Explanation:

"To apprehend the suspect without incident" is the most natural and clear expression of purpose. The original phrase is formal but less common.

Option (A) — "to apprehend the suspect without incident" — is clearer, more natural, and idiomatic when expressing purpose.

Option (B) contains a spelling error: "incidence" should be "incident."

Option (C) incorrectly suggests that the suspect is doing the apprehending, which is illogical.

Option (D) has a verb form error: "be apprehend" should be "be apprehended."

Correct sentence: The police officer approached carefully to apprehend the suspect without incident.

8.Answer: (E) Explanation:

The phrase "so that the students could understand it better" is grammatically correct.

"Could" appropriately indicates past ability or possibility.

"Understand" is the correct base form following modal "could."

"It" correctly refers to "the complex topic" (singular).

9.Answer: (C) Explanation:

This is a **second conditional sentence**, used to talk about hypothetical or unreal situations in the present or future.

The correct structure for second conditional is:

If + past simple (or subjunctive 'were'), would + base verb.

Here, "If I were you" (subjunctive form) is correct for a hypothetical situation.

The main clause should use "would" (not "will") to show the hypothetical result.

Correct sentence: If I were you, I would speak to the manager immediately.

10. Answer: (D) Explanation:

The phrase "how anyone can overcome obstacles" is correct. "How" introduces the manner, and "overcome obstacles" is plural and in base form. Other options are incorrect in verb tense or number.

Correct sentence: Her determination shows how anyone can overcome obstacles if they stay focused.







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