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SAT: Using Parallel Construction

Read the following passage. Some sentences in the paragraphs below lack parallel structure. Revise the paragraphs to eliminate faulty parallelism.

We marched for several long hours through mud, dust, and in sweltering heat. We stopped a few times to eat, rest, and also to let the other regiments keep pace with us. Finally, we reached the bend in the river and at the place where we were going to camp for a spell. Most of the men planned to spend the rest of the day either asleep or writing to their loved ones. I, myself, walked over to the river’s edge, had sat down, and place my sore, tired feet in the cool water.

Ironically, spending a few boring, lonely hours in our camp or on march for hours on end was sometimes harder on us than to face the enemy in battle. Although many soldiers were killed in fierce battles, even more perished during these quiet times from diseases and exhaustion.

Edit the following sentences to eliminate faulty parallel structures.

1. Studying for the final exam a little each night was better than to cram it all during the bus ride to school the morning of the exam.
2. Would you rather spend another semester in this awful course or chewing aluminum foil?
3. My mom made a list of chores for me when I got home: to clean my room, walk the dogs, and then to scrub out Grandma’s spittoon.

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SAT: Using Parallel Construction: ANSWERS

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