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Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

The article below is a first draft that Lisa wrote for a class at school. Read Lisa's article and look for revisions she should make. Then answer the questions that follow.

Our Summer Business

(1) When last summer began, neither Maria nor I had been able to find a job. (2) The weeks of vacation stretched before us like an endless desert, and we felt like complete failures. (3) We had both planned to work all summer and save our money for college, although we were also planning to spend a little on a ski trip next winter. (4) Inspiration struck us when Maria's five-year-old neighbor wanted to have a birthday party, and her mother did not have enough time to plan it. (5) Maria and I offered our services, the neighbor was delighted and paid us for planning it, and that marked the birth of our own business, Parties Unlimited.

(6) We printed fliers and posted them everywhere in our neighborhood. (7) To our astonishment, within the next two weeks we had booked five children's parties — and not all of them were birthday parties. (8) One was to celebrate the visit of a cousin who had come all the way from Iceland, and one was at the library to mark the beginning of the summer reading program. (9) I had planned to spend the summer working in a dress shop so that I could have a discount on clothes.

(10) We soon discovered that our business required very careful planning. (11) We had to know how many children would attend a party, what the budget was, and what the theme would be. (12) Obviously we could not plan the same kind of party for a four-year-old girl and a nine-year-old boy, but the parents did not always have an idea about what the child would like. (13) Fortunately, Maria and I both have siblings of various ages, and Maria also has wide babysitting experience, so we're able to offer ideas. (14) Once we had the theme, we planned the decorations and ordered the cake from a bakery on Segundo Street that offered us a discount for regular orders. (15) Next we planned the activities for the party so that we could be certain that the children would be happily occupied for the entire time.

(16) By the end of the summer, we had held many parties, earned more money than we had expected, and learned a lot of good stuff about running a business.

1 Expectation: 9.15 (Av)

Which sentence below is off-topic and should be removed from the second paragraph (sentences 6-9)?

- A** Sentence 6
- B** Sentence 7
- C** Sentence 8
- D** Sentence 9

2 Expectation: 9.13 (C)

Which transition should be added to the beginning of sentence 4 to show a connection to the previous sentence?

- F** Then
- G** Nevertheless
- H** Therefore
- J** Next

3 Expectation: 9.13 (C)

The phrase ***a lot of good stuff*** does not effectively convey Lisa's meaning in sentence 16. Which of the following should replace ***a lot of good stuff***?

- A** a few points
- B** a good time
- C** excellent fun
- D** many lessons

4 Expectation: 9.15 (Ai)

Which sentence below should be added after sentence 16 to support the ideas in the paragraph?

- F** Creating and running Parties Unlimited was great fun.
- G** Next summer Maria and I will find the jobs that we really want.
- H** Creating and running Parties Unlimited taught us that we can find the solutions to our problems.
- J** Now that summer is over, Maria and I will have a chance to rest from our summer work.

5 Expectation: 9.15 (Av)

Which sentence below should be added to the third paragraph (sentences 10-15) to develop the support?

- A** Sometimes the least expensive parties were the most fun.
- B** Maria and I could not always agree upon the best theme for a party.
- C** The parties were often attended by adults as well as children, and sometimes they were very crowded.
- D** During the party, Maria took charge of the children, and I took charge of the refreshments and provided the supplies she needed for the activities.

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

Arnolfo wrote the beginning to his short story called "A Long Night." Read this part of Arnolfo's story and look for any mistakes he has made. Then answer the questions that follow.

A Long Night

(1) Barry moved uneasily in his chair, unable to concentrate on his homework. (2) Finally, giving up the struggle to ignore the howling of the wind, he walked again to the window and pulled back the curtains. (3) Everything was still the same as it has been five minutes ago. (4) The rain still swept across the yard in great gusts, the wind still rattled the windowpanes, and no one pulled into the driveway.

(5) His sister should have arrived at least two hours ago, but Barry reminded himself for the fourtieth time that Liz was almost always late getting home from practice. (6) Tonight would take her even longer because of the storm. (7) She had always been a cautious driver than Barry.

6 Expectation: 9.13 (D)

What change, if any, should be made in sentence 3?

- F Change **Everything** to **Every thing**
- G Change **has been** to **had been**
- H Insert a comma after **same**
- J No change should be made in this sentence.

7 Expectation: 9.13 (D)

What change, if any, should be made in sentence 4?

- A Delete the comma after **windowpanes**
- B Change **no one** to **noone**
- C Change **sweaped** to **swept**
- D No change should be made in this sentence.

8 Expectation: 9.19 (A)

What change, if any, needs to be made in sentence 5?

- F** Change *fourtieth* to **fortieth**
- G** Insert a comma after *himself*
- H** Delete the comma.
- J** No change needs to be made in this sentence.

9 Expectation: 9.13 (D)

What change, if any, needs to be made in sentence 7?

- A** Change *than* to **then**
- B** Change *cautiouser* to **more cautious**
- C** Change *had* to **has**
- D** No change needs to be made in this sentence.



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1	Reporting Category 4	Supporting	9.15 (Av)	D
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3	Reporting Category 4	Readiness	9.13 (C)	D
4	Reporting Category 4	Supporting	9.15 (Ai)	H
5	Reporting Category 4	Supporting	9.15 (Av)	D
6	Reporting Category 4	Readiness	9.13 (D)	G
7	Reporting Category 4	Readiness	9.13 (D)	C
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9	Reporting Category 4	Readiness	9.13 (D)	B

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