

## Tutor Application -- English Exam Answer Key

### Section 1: Grammar (11 questions)

#### Subject/Verb Agreement

- 1) d - Joan was the only one of the students who were keen.
- 2) b - The activities for the party, which was organized solely by Hunts & Cooper Design, were a complete success.
- 3) c - Neither volunteering at the local food bank nor fundraising for the hospital and clinics has stopped Janet from helping the women at the local shelter.

#### Sentence Structure

- 4) e - Grandma carefully sipped her very hot tea while Oliver, playing with his toy train, gazed at her inquisitively.
- 5) b - His behavior was so puzzling that I failed to find any explanation for it.

#### Comparison Error

- 6) c - Although Mark was renowned for his serene artistry and general skill, Margo, his quiet assistant, was every bit as talented and proficient as Mark.
- 7) a - Randy has always liked ice cream more than Tim.

#### Modifiers

- 8) c - Though Sam has worked there for years, she has hardly any friends.
- 9) b - We heard your recital was really good last weekend and felt badly that we had missed it.
- 10) c - The presenter with the booming voice was outshone by a small, singing bird.
- 11) b - Strangely enough, even though we tossed all those strange ingredients together, the pie turned out considerably well; however, it did look strange while it was baking.

## **Section 2 - Spelling (10 questions)**

1. a - operator
2. b - abscise
3. b - diffuse
4. a - rebuttal
5. a - gherkin
6. b - torpidity
7. a - accumulate
8. a - conglomerate
9. b - uncured
10. a – counterfeit

### **Section 3: Grammar (11 questions)**

#### **Punctuation**

- 1.) f - b and c
- 2.) c - Many northern animals are in danger of extinction; because, of global warming.
- 3.) b - The Joneses and the Besses were going camping the next day.
- 4.) a - In class, Marcus suggested that “poetry is no longer relevant in today’s culture”; in contrast, Jackie maintained that “poetry, in the form of song, is more relevant today than ever before.”

#### **Pronouns**

- 5.) b - Louise disagreed with Luke and I even though she had previously agreed with us on the topic.

#### **Verb Selection**

- 6.) d - Sally’s negligence has landed her at the doctor’s again. This time she was trampled by a cow as she was dozing peacefully in the meadow.
- 7.) b - Having been a particular person my whole life, I knew I wouldn’t like those bright red shoes.

#### **Verb Tense**

- 8.) a - John was so late arriving home that Melanie had already gone to work.

#### **Parallelism**

- 9.) d - a and b

#### **Pronoun-antecedent Agreement**

- 10.) d - The rain, which was falling heavily, pounded on my umbrella.
- 11.) c - Myrtle believes that anyone who deceives their wife is a useless rascal.