

## ENGL 199 Assessment 1

Paul MacRae's *Business and Professional Writing*, Chapter 3

Please answer the following questions in either pen or pencil, and be sure to put your name at the top of the page. This assessment is worth 5% of your term grade.

**Identify the main clauses (MC), subordinate clauses (SC), relative clauses (RC), and phrases (P) in the following sentences. Identify them by underlining the relevant material and placing MC, SC, RC, or P above the text.**

1. While they take their work in different directions, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering are certainly related fields. (1 point)
2. Parking at the UofA is almost always an ordeal. (1 point)
3. Because the pizza delivery was late, the guests were hungry. (Understandably hungry, one might say.) (2 points)
4. Presto, done! The pizza just arrived! (1 point)
5. I read somewhere that sharks, which are the mightiest and fiercest of creatures, never stop moving until they die. Can that possibly be accurate? Truly, that seems incredible. (3 points)
6. In addition to their solo projects, engineers often work in teams. (1 point)
7. The house, which is blue stucco, was recently updated to include a red door and can be found next to the park. (1 point)

**Correct the punctuation in the following sentences. You can restructure elements to create new sentences, and you can add words (conjunctions, clearer subjects, etc.) as necessary. The goal here is to create new sentences that have accurate punctuation and overall clarity. You can directly edit (or make changes to) the typed text, but, if your edits are substantial and you want to rewrite the sentence(s), you can do so in the space below each question.**

1. Simon and Sarah are starving and can't wait to eat dinner which will no doubt be a feast they'll have soup salad steak and sardines with soda of course. (2 points)

2. We must ask What is it that we want! Positive social change must happen soon? (1 point)

3. I learned all about the basic mechanisms behind a smoke detector by reading a *Popular*

*Science* article last year, the article was dated June 2014. Who knew there were so many parts in

a simple product (2 points)

4. The five-course meal which we ate on Saturday night at Gordon Ramsay's place was

presented creatively and included plenty of delicious food trust me. Plenty of delicious food. (2

points)

5. Things I want include: a sweet Mustang convertible, a vacation plus a free weekend and a map

of the Grand Canyon (1 point)

6. Just kidding, the icecaps are melting and car culture is destroying us all one by one. Ask

anyone Mustangs are also expensive to buy (2 points)