

## Improving Sentences Set B

1. The most talented equestrian were absent from the competition and the judges wondered if they should have cancelled it.
  - (A) were absent from the competition and the judges wondered if they should have cancelled it
  - (B) was absent from the competition and the judges wondering if they should have cancelled it
  - (C) were absent from the competition and the judges wondered if they should cancel it
  - (D) was absent from the competition and the judges wondered if they should cancel it
  - (E) were absent and the judges wondered if they should have cancelled the competition
2. The Red Panda, also known as the Firefox, is a bamboo feeder like the Giant Panda and slightly bigger than a domesticated cat.
  - (A) is a bamboo feeder like the Giant Panda and slightly bigger than a domesticated cat
  - (B) not only a bamboo feeder like the Giant Panda, but slightly bigger than a domesticated cat
  - (C) is a bamboo feeder like the Giant Panda, while at the same time slightly bigger than a domesticated cat
  - (D) is a bamboo feeder like the Giant Panda and also slightly bigger than a domesticated cat
  - (E) is a bamboo feeder like the Giant Panda yet slightly bigger than a domesticated cat
3. The event coordinators extended our shift hours, and we were very disappointed, and we asked them for additional payment.
  - (A) The event coordinators extended our shift hours, and we were very disappointed, and we asked them for additional payment
  - (B) We were very disappointed when the event coordinators extended our shift hours and we asked them for additional payment
  - (C) Following the event coordinators extending our shift hours, we were very disappointed and we asked them for additional payment.
  - (D) After the event coordinators extended our shift hours, we were very disappointed, and asked them for additional payment
  - (E) We were very disappointed and asked for additional payment when the event coordinators extended our shift hours
4. Until now, not one journalist were reporting on the political scandal where several government officials were implicated last year.
  - (A) were reporting on the political scandal where several government officials were
  - (B) was reporting on the political scandal that implicated several government officials was
  - (C) were reporting on the political scandal implicating several government officials
  - (D) was reporting on the political scandal where several government officials were
  - (E) was reporting on the political scandal; several government officials were implicated.

5. While riding the ferry to the island of Martha's Vineyard, the cove with the cathedral and the long pier stimulated the man's memory.

- (A) the cove with the cathedral and the long pier stimulated the man's memory
- (B) the cove having the cathedral and the long pier stimulated the memory of the man
- (C) the cove with the cathedral and the long pier was stimulating to the man's memory
- (D) The memory of the man was simulated by the cove with the cathedral and the long pier
- (E) The man's memory was stimulated by the cove with the cathedral and the long pier

6. Today's law enforcement agencies are our nations main source of crime prevention, but community-policing still has a place because it provides people with a chance to personally help their neighborhoods.

- (A) crime prevention, but community-policing still has a place because it provides
- (B) crime prevention, but community-policing still would have a place because of providing
- (C) crime prevention; however, there is still a place for community-policing by providing
- (D) crime prevention, community-policing still having a place because it provides
- (E) crime prevention, when community-policing still has a place in providing

7. An airplane is most fuel efficient the cruising altitude, which occurs between ascent and descent and varies from 25,000 feet and 40,000 feet, depending on the type of aircraft and the length of the flight.

- (A) which occurs between ascent and descent and varies from 25,000 feet and 40,000 feet
- (B) located between ascent and descent, while varying between 25,000 feet and 40,000 feet
- (C) between ascent and descent and varies from 25,000 feet and 40,000 feet
- (D) that varies between 25,000 feet and 40,000 feet and occurs between ascent and descent
- (E) varying between 25,000 feet and 40,000 feet and ascent and descent

8. Being as he is an internationally top-ranked tennis player, Rafael Nadal is a role model for young athletes all over the world.

- (A) Being as he is an internationally top-ranked tennis player
- (B) In being an internationally top-ranked tennis player
- (C) An internationally top-ranked tennis player
- (D) Although he is an internationally top-ranked tennis player
- (E) Top-ranked tennis player internationally

9. Surrounded by water on three sides, the Korean peninsula had been divided into North and South along the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel years before the Korean War.

- (A) had been divided into North and South along the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel
- (B) divided along the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel into North and South
- (C) having divided into North and South along the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel
- (D) have North and South divided along the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel
- (E) was divided into North and South along the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel

10. Just as Germany is famed for precision in technology and Switzerland renowned for its private banks, so France has offered the world a refined expertise in the art of cuisine.

- (A) so France has offered the world a refined expertise in the art of cuisine
- (B) France offers the world an expertise in the art of cuisine, and refined
- (C) France's offer to the world is a refined expertise in the art of cuisine
- (D) and so then, for France, a refined expertise in the art of cuisine is offered to the world
- (E) similarly France has offered a refined expertise in the art of cuisine

11. The treaties of the Geneva Convention, often under scrutiny, were aimed to establish international law for humanitarian matters, such as the treatment of prisoners of war.

- (A) The treaties of the Geneva Convention, often under scrutiny, were aimed to establish international law for
- (B) The treaties of the Geneva Convention were under scrutiny aimed to establish
- (C) Scrutinized often, the treaties of the Geneva Convention, were aiming to establish international law for
- (D) Often scrutinized, the treaties of the Geneva Convention were aiming to establish international law for
- (E) Often under scrutiny, the treaties of the Geneva Convention aimed to establish international law for

## Answer Key

1. D (E)
2. E (E)
3. D (E)
4. D (E)
5. E (E)
6. A (M)
7. A (E)
8. C (M)
9. A (M)
10. A (M)
11. E (M)