

Redundancy Exercises Answer Key SAT

Choose the correct answer from the following options

1. As a child, Steve frequently many times tested his mother's patience every time he broke dishes while cleaning them.
 - a. NO CHANGE
 - b. often
 - c. regularly
 - d. **DELETE the underlined portion**

Choice D is the best answer since "many times," "often," and "regularly" all repeat the same idea. The phrase "many times" can be removed from the sentence without changing the meaning of the sentence.

2. Jenny's month long project of collecting flowers in different stages of development that took four weeks to complete was her favorite assignment thus far.
 - a. NO CHANGE
 - b. – taking four weeks to complete–
 - c. that took her four weeks to complete
 - d. **DELETE the underlined portion**

Choice D is the best answer. We already know approximately how long it took for Jenny to complete her project from the previous description "Jenny's month long project." Adding the phrase "that took four weeks to complete" does not provide any new or significant information and thus should be removed from the sentence.

3. One of the company's most lucrative products was the talking stuffed dog, bought by millions nationwide during Christmas time.
 - a. **NO CHANGE**
 - b. lucrative and profitable
 - c. lucrative and successfully
 - d. lucrative, profit bringing

Choice A is the best answer because the adjective "lucrative," meaning "producing a great deal of profit," most clearly and concisely describes the company's product. Choices B, C, and D are all repetitive when used with the adjective "lucrative."

4. Many subscription based business models offer different payment plans– you can choose to pay a monthly smaller fee more frequently, or an annual larger fee each year.
 - a. NO CHANGE
 - b. every year.
 - c. per year.
 - d. **DELETE the underlined portion and end the sentence with a period.**

Choice D is the best answer because the word “annual” means occurring once a year, so it is sufficient to use “annual” to communicate that the fee is paid once a year. Choices A, B, and C all result in redundancy.

5. The public objection to the newly passed law was overwhelming, even immense, and so the government quickly repealed the legislation.
- a. NO CHANGE
 - b. The public’s objection to the newly passed law was overwhelming,**
 - c. Overwhelming, even immense, was the public’s objection to the newly passed law,
 - d. There was an overwhelming, even immense, reaction to the newly passed law

Choice B is the correct answer because it is the most concise and free of redundancies. Choices A, C, and D are incorrect because “terrible” and “disastrous” as adjectives with very similar meanings such that they present a redundancy.

6. The whale pod that was spotted in 2011 by the coast of Mexico may revisit again, hopefully with new members.
- a. NO CHANGE
 - b. revisit**
 - c. revisit possibly
 - d. revisit, larger and

Choice B is the the correct answer because it contains no redundancies. Choices A, C, and D are incorrect with redundancies. Choice A uses “revisit” and “again”; Choice C uses “may” and “possibly”; and Choice D uses “larger” and “new members.”

7. The rapid influx of immigrants to America caused employers to be simultaneously hiring people for cheaper at the same time, much to the annoyance of workers who were already employed.
- a. NO CHANGE
 - b. simultaneously hiring people for cheaper at a single time,
 - c. simultaneously hiring people for cheaper at once,
 - d. simultaneously hiring people for cheaper,**

Choice D is the best answer because “simultaneous” and “at the same time” are synonyms, so only one of these words/phrase needs to be used to get the point across. “At a single time” and “at once” are also synonymous to “simultaneous.” Thus only choice D is correct.

8. Occasionally, daytime shooting stars, or meteors that are burning up from Earth’s atmosphere, can be seen during the day.
- a. NO CHANGE
 - b. in the daytime.
 - c. in daylight.
 - d. DELETE the underlined portion.**

Choice D is the best answer because the the idea of daytime is already communicated in the phrase “daytime shooting stars.” The underlined phrase is redundant.

9. Orion’s Belt is usually seen in a visible way in the southwestern sky from the Northern Hemisphere between the months of November to February.
- a. NO CHANGE
 - b. observable in the southwestern sky**
 - c. perceived in a visual manner in the southwestern sky
 - d. seen visibly in the southwestern sky

Choice B is the best answer because it most concisely communicates the idea of the sentence that Orion’s belt can be seen in the southwestern sky.

10. Specially cooked vegetarian dishes made without meat were served at the potluck in addition to the rest of the food.
- a. NO CHANGE
 - b. intended for non-meat eaters
 - c. made for the vegetarians
 - d. DELETE the underlined portion**

Choice D is the best answer because the underlined portion should be deleted. The phrase “made without meat” repeats the idea of being “vegetarian.” Choices A, B, and C are redundant.