***ENGR 240 —*4 Pages— *Monika Smith, Assist. Teaching Professor***

**Style Matters Mid-Term Quiz (7%):**

**Parallelism and Plain Language**

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**To earn full marks, complete SECTION 1 and SECTION 2 of this Quiz**

**Section 1: GRAMMATICAL PARALLELISM:** **1 mark for each of the following**

**Correct faulty parallelism in the following in-sentence and bulleted lists:**

1. The prototype electric car will have a top speed of 100 km/h, a range of 300 km, and it will carry up to 300 kg.  
     
   **Corrected:** The prototype electric car will have a top speed of 100 km/h, a range of 300 km, and a capacity to carry up to 300 kg.
2. Judges evaluated the website on the content, the quality of the graphics, if the style was interesting, and how interactive the games were.  
     
   **Corrected:** Judges evaluated the website for its content, its graphic quality, the appeal of its style, and the interactivity of its games.
3. In Sim City, some of the goals you can set include building the grandest possible megalopolis, maximize how much your people love you, or you can even try designing a city that relies solely on mass transit.  
     
   **Corrected:** In Sim City, some of the goals you can set include building the grandest possible megalopolis, maximizing how much your people love you, and designing a city that relies solely on mass transit.

**Correct faulty grammatical parallelism in the following sentences, maintaining the coordinating conjunctions “not only / but also” in the first and “either / or” in the second:**

1. Version 700 of *Doorways* has not only made the operating system more user-friendly, but also the tendency for the version 8.0 software to cause “mouse-freeze” has been corrected.

**Corrected:** Version 700 of Doorways has not only made the operating system more user-friendly but also eliminated the tendency of the version 8.0 software to cause “mouse-freeze.”

1. You can either complete a degree in biomedical engineering or you could always try civil engineering.

**Corrected:** You can either complete a degree in biomedical engineering or complete a degree in civil engineering.

**Check whether or not to add a COLON after the introductory lead-in, then correct faulty parallelism in the following**:

1. The *Wall Street Journal* offers the following tips for “warming up” your correspondence style to maintain corporate goodwill

* Don’t write when angry or upset
* Motivate, don’t browbeat
* You should be courteous
* There’s no need to be needlessly negative
* Avoid words with negative connotations: think “opportunities,” not “problems”
* Negative information should be placed at points of low emphasis
* You can get readers to comply to requests by giving them a reason

Corrected version:  
  
**The Wall Street Journal offers the following tips for “warming up” your correspondence style to maintain corporate goodwill:**

* Don’t write when angry or upset.
* Motivate rather than browbeat.
* Be courteous.
* Avoid being needlessly negative.
* Use words with positive connotations—think “opportunities,” not “problems.”
* Place negative information at points of low emphasis.
* Encourage compliance by giving readers a reason.

**Complete the following statements, while maintaining grammatical parallelism:**

1. In our ancient past, survival was a physical struggle against famine, natural disasters, and disease; in our contemporary world . . .   
     
   **Corrected:** In our contemporary world, survival is a mental and social struggle against sedentary lifestyles, chronic stress, and social isolation.
2. The Committee recommends revising the route of the proposed highway for two reasons: to acknowledge indigenous land claims and . . .   
     
   **Corrected:** The Committee recommends revising the route of the proposed highway for two reasons: to acknowledge indigenous land claims and to reduce potential environmental impacts.
3. Although the first engineering applicant seemed quiet, composed, and self-assured, the second . . .   
     
   **Corrected:** Although the first engineering applicant seemed quiet, composed, and self-assured, the second appeared energetic, dynamic, and innovative.

**Check whether or not to add a COLON after the introductory lead-in**

1. To do well on this Style Matters Mid-Term Quiz, it’s important to:

**Section 2: PLAIN LANGUAGE: 1 mark for each of the following**

Revise the following sentences to eliminate **wordiness, awkward noun strings**, **inflated language, passive voice, empty subjects**, and so forth—*while keeping all the information intact*

Strive for **active sentences,** **strong action verbs,** and **plain language:**  **simple words when simple words will do the job**

1. The results are going to be analyzed and evaluated by the students. **(13 wds/ aim for ~8 wds)  
     
   Revised:** The students will analyze and evaluate the results.
2. There is an anomalous reading in the circuitry that it is up to the team to remedy and fix. **(20 wds/~11wds)  
     
   Revised:** The team must fix the anomalous reading in the circuitry.
3. The conference is going to be attended by Dr. Zheng, who is a very knowledgeable expert when it comes to being cognizant on the topic of generating power with the goal of having it become sustainable**. (37 wds/ ~15 wds)  
     
   Revised:** Dr. Zheng, a leading expert on sustainable power generation, will attend the conference.
4. The contribution of our team is mainly production schedule planning and the identification of more efficient methods of production for the manufacture of our aircraft engines. **(28 wds/ ~15 wds)  
     
   Revised:** Our team primarily plans production schedules and identifies more efficient methods for manufacturing aircraft engines.
5. Should there be any questions on your part, please present them to one of our personnel members using our voice messaging system and we will ensure that an answer shall be forthcoming in the very near future. **(38 wds; ~15 wds)  
     
   Revised:** If you have questions, please ask our staff via voice messaging, and we’ll respond soon.
6. M87 galaxy Central Region study results are showing that there are stars near the center of the galaxy that move around, and it is postulated that the reason is because there may be some huge mass at the center that is attracting them. **(43wds/ ~25 wds)  
     
   Revised:** M87 Central Region study results show that stars near the galaxy’s center move, likely attracted by a massive central object.
7. There is a recognition by educators that high-quality learning environments are a necessary precondition for the facilitation and enhancement of the ongoing learning process by students. **(27 wds/ ~15wds)**

**Revised:** Educators recognize that high-quality learning environments are essential for facilitating and enhancing ongoing student learning.

1. Time spent repeating practice activities is when the brain is most likely to retain information in long-term memory. (**20 wds/ ~14 wds**)  
     
   **Revised:** The brain retains information in long-term memory best when you repeat practice activities.

Break up the following **noun stacks** (shown *in italics*) to create more **natural-sounding, plain language sentences**. This is one occasion where you may end up with a slightly longer word count than the original as you add a**ction verbs, prepositions**, and other **linking words**

1. Install a *hazardous materials dispersion monitoring system.*

**Revised:** Install a system that monitors how hazardous materials disperse.

1. *Combustion chamber exit gas temperature*s are approximately 2400 degrees.

**Revised:** Temperatures of the gases exiting the combustion chamber are approximately 2400 degrees.

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