

## WOC 1.4 B

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Read the following passage and answer the question(s).

### Communication in a Changing World

The following is the first draft of Melody's report. It may contain errors.

(1) What is communication? (2) According to an Internet dictionary, it is a swapping of information through speech or writing. (3) This exchange of information is important because it is necessary to relate to one another. (4) Communication has been an important part of our history. (5) Sometimes we take it for granted, but communicating with others hasn't always been so easy.

### Printing Press

(6) If you ask a teenager, today, how they communicate with their friends, it would most likely say through texting or email. (7) Although communication is at the touch of a button today, it was not always that easy. (8) Let's take a look at how people let each other know what's what throughout time. (9) During the fifteenth century, Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press. (10) The printing press was a machine that transferred images to paper using ink. (11) This allowed the printed information to be available to a lot of people. (12) A couple of centuries later, Benjamin Franklin used this printing press to bring news to the people all over the United States.

### All the Teles

(13) During the 1800s, Samuel Morse invented the telegraph, which was a way to communicate through electricity. (14) He thought of a way to send coded messages through wire. (15) His idea was adopted by Congress in 1843 and created a way for people to instantly communicate over long distances. (16) His idea was passed over when Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876. (17) The telephone was a system that carried sound through electrical impulses. (18) Eventually, it allowed people to speak to each other across the globe. (19) Although the telephone is still used today; an even greater invention, the television, soon followed. (20) Philo Farnsworth, a farm boy, created a way to send visual images through electronic beams. (21) In 1927, the first television was born and opened up an entirely new method of communication.

### New Kid on the Block

(22) One of the most amazing systems for communication ever invented was the Internet. (23) Although computers were in almost every household, they were not very effective means of communication because they were not linked to one another. (24) For example, in 1973 Vinton Cerf created a network that linked computers in several colleges in the United States. (25) Ten years later, Timothy Berners-Lee piggy-backed on this idea when he created the World Wide Web. (26) This was a system that linked computers all over the world. (27) This allowed people to share ideas and communicate with each other at the touch of a keyboard.

(28) From moveable type to sharing thoughts through a linked network, communication has drastically changed during the last few centuries. (29) Currently, the most popular way of communicating with each other is through texting. (30) If this much change has occurred so far, how will the progress in technology change the way people communicate in the future? (31) Will this new way be different, advanced, and show sophistication? (32) Even though the future cannot be predicted, it is certain that communication will continue to change in our changing world.

(Questions 1-2)

1

Read the following sentence from the passage.

(5) Sometimes we take it for granted, but communicating with others hasnt always been so easy.

What is the correct way to punctuate the underlined word in the sentence?

A has'nt

B hasn't

C hasn't

D Leave as is.



2

Which of the following is the *best* way to rewrite this sentence from the passage to show correct use of grammar?

If you ask a teenager, today, how they communicate with their friends, it would most likely say through texting or email.

- A If you ask teenagers today how they communicate with their friends, they would most likely say through texting or email.
- B If you ask a teenager, today, how they communicate with their friends, they would most likely say through texting or email.
- C If you ask a teenager, today, how they communicate with their friends, he or she would most likely say through texting or email.
- D If you ask teenagers, today, how he or she communicates with their friends, they would most likely say through texting or email.

3

Read this draft of part of a student's report. It may contain grammatical errors.

(1) Did the Pilgrims set at tables, bless the food, and pass it? (2) No, most likely the food was layed on any available tree stump or rock. (3) It was probably all ate after two or three days.

How should the underlined part of Sentence 3 be written?

- A It will probably all be eaten
- B It will probably all be ate
- C It was probably all eaten
- D Correct as is

4

Read each sentence. Look at the underlined words. Which sentence is written correctly?

- A Airplanes had been flying tomorrow after the weather clears.
- B Airplanes will have been flying tomorrow after the weather clears.
- C Airplanes will be flying tomorrow after the weather clears.
- D Airplanes were flying tomorrow after the weather clears.

Read the passage carefully and then answer the following question(s).

### The Beacon on the Hill

This passage may contain errors.



1) The lighthouse burns brightly on the misty hillside, beckoned to sailors whose vessels may be heading for the rocky cliffs at its feet. 2) The lighthouse looks like a tall, white finger, and it is a symbol of safety and reassurance to weary sea travelers. 3) Long ago, people burned the beach so boats that were sailing dangerously close to the rocks would be warned. 4) The early Egyptians were the first to construct lighthouses for navigational purposes.

5) In the year 283 B.C., the Egyptians builded the tallest lighthouse that had ever been constructed to that point in history. 6) It was 900 feet tall and helped guide ships to safety for 1500 years. 7) The Phoenicians, Romans, and Greeks also construct lighthouses.

8) The light source of the earliest lighthouses was a wick lamp. 9) Needless to say, the wick lamp's light was visible for only a few miles offshore. 10) Then, a frenchman by the name of Augustin Fresnel invented the first lighthouse lens in 1822 using prisms. 11) The lighthouse's light could be projected over a much great distance. 12) In 1841, the first

Fresnel lens was installed in a lighthouse. 13) At first, keepers tending lighthouses, making sure that when fog rolled into the bay they lit the light, shot cannons, or ringing a bell every hour. 14) Nowadays, the majority of lighthouses use electric lights, so a keeper's job is not as demanding.

(Question 5)

5

Which is the correct replacement for much great in this sentence?

11) The lighthouse's light could be projected over a much great distance.

A great much

B most greatest

C much greater

D greatest

Read the passage and answer the following question(s).

**Flying High in the Spring**

This passage may contain errors.

1) Kites are flags of brilliant color, tatters of rainbows against an azure March sky. 2) They plunge, skip, and shudder in March winds that are sometimes strong. 3) Kites seem to represent the desire of many humans—to enjoy the empowering freedom of defying gravity. 4) Kite flying is a springtime tradition in almost any city in North America that enjoys mild springtime weather. 5) Legend has it that Benjamin Franklin once flew a kite to perform an experiment of monumental significance. 6) In 1752, after some French electricians had already confirmed Franklin's electrifying theory! 7) For many people, kite flying seems to represent the beginning of spring. 8) Benjamin Franklin's experiment with this very old symbol of spring included a key tied to the end of the kite string. 9) A time when people celebrate warm weather and sometimes fierce winds, perfect for the pastime. 10) As a Northern California resident, I like kite flying best in early April when the weather is really warm and fragrant with early flowers.

11) In some cities, kite flying contests are held. 12) In some places, children create their own kites and enter them in contests to win prizes for design, shape, color, and being able to fly. 13) In some American cities, kite flying festivals start the beginning of everyone's favorite season. 14) Then it happens. 15) It is the sudden strike of that mysterious annual illness—spring fever! 16) Do you feel it yet?

(Questions 6-7)

6

Which of the following correctly shows sentence 11 revised to be in the active voice?

11) In some cities, kite flying contests are held.

- A In some cities kite flying contests are held.
- B Some cities hold kite flying contests.
- C In some cities kite flying contests are staged.
- D Kite flying contests are held in some cities.

7

Identify the type of error in sentence 6.

6) In 1752, after some French electricians had already confirmed Franklin's electrifying theory!

- A fragment
- B run-on
- C comma splice
- D Correct as is

Read the following passage and answer the question(s).

### Amazing Architecture

Read the following draft of a student's essay. It may contain errors.

(1) Most artists can create a masterpiece by using simple tools like a paint brush and a canvas; however, beautiful artwork can also be created through modern architecture. (2) Engineers have taken the classic structures of bridges and buildings to a whole new level. (3) Many amazing architects have used nature as inspiration for their design. (4) These designers have pushed the limits and created structures that can not be called anything but remarkable.

(5) Building a bridge is difficult in itself, but creating it to be a beautiful piece of architecture is an even bigger challenge. (6) The Millau Viaduct is an engineering project that is considered to be a wonder of the world. (7) The designer of this bridge did the unthinkable and made something that was impossible possible, Michel Virlogeux. (8) He created a bridge that had a slender outline and has made it blend in with the surrounding nature. (9) The Millau Viaduct crosses over the Tarn River in the Southern part of France. (10) This is the tallest bridge in the entire world, reaching a height of 1122 feet.

(11) One of the world's most incredible hotels is currently under construction. (12) It may not be easily found. (13) This hidden structure is being built under water. (14) Hydropolis, which is located in Dubai, will be the world's first luxury hotel under water. (15) The hotel will have three main structures a place to greet the guests on land a tunnel that leads to the hotel and the underwater hotel itself. (16) The completion of the hotel is still under way, but the builders are hoping it will be finished in 2009.

(17) The Torre Agbar was built to look like a geyser shooting water in the air and is located in the city of Barcelona. (18) The tall shell-like shape measures over 450 feet in height. (19) The Torre Agbar illuminates color which creates a vibrant skyline at night.

(20) Combining architecture with nature is a great way to make something extraordinary. (21) When engineers use their environment as a model for their design, the end result can be breathtaking, like a spectacle, and brilliant.

(Question 8)

8

Read the following sentence from the passage.

He created a bridge that had a slender outline and has made it blend in with the surrounding nature.

What is the correct way to write the underlined words in the sentence to maintain the verb consistency from the first part of the sentence?

A was made

B made

C had made

D Leave as is.

Read the following passage and answer the question(s).

### The Coffee Cart

**For extra credit, Jack's English teacher encouraged each student to write a letter to the school board about a new idea that could be implemented in the school. This is the first draft of Jack's letter. It may have some errors.**

Dear School Board of Cedarwood High School,

(1) I am writing this letter to request that the school board permit the Pro Start program to start and run a coffee cart on the school campus. (2) The Pro Start program is a course that combines culinary skills with business economics of the industry, and it is similar to the former class called *Home Economics*. (3) It has come to my attention that some schools in the area have already applied this great business plan, and it is running successfully. (4) I would like to share with you the reasons why running a coffee cart will benefit the entire student body.

(5) High school is supposed to be a preparatory school for life, whether it is for college or the work force. (6) Students take classes that are educational, enlightening, and are something of value. (7) For example, every senior has the privilege of taking a class called economics. (8) Most of what is taught to the students is through a big hard bound book. (9) I believe it is also essential for a school to teach they're students this subject in a practical way. (10) What better way to do this approach than through a student-run coffee cart?

(11) Isn't it the objective of teachers to train students to be responsible and for keeping them accountable? (12) According to Senator Jon Billings, "it absolutely is the job of educators to nurture responsibility, a teacher's work is to prepare them for their future." (13) The students will be liable for completely running the cart. (14) Whether it be through set up or clean up, purchasing supplies, running the register, or depositing the day's receipts, the students would be overseeing all aspects of the business. (15) All of these skills will better equip the student for their future, even if it isn't in the food service industry.

(16) Coffee is a beverage that is widely beloved and served at almost every street corner. (17) Not only is it quite tasty, it also has many beneficial perks. (18) No pun intended. (19) Coffee has been proven to help with memory and cognitive performance. (20) According to Dr. Jeffers, "Coffee helps to improve awareness, alertness, and aids in applicable learning." (21) This deliciously aromatic brew is also valuable because it has other health benefits like lowering cholesterol and lowering the risk of diabetes. (22) No, it isn't as healthy as tomato juice or green beans, but who wants to digest those things at 8:00 in the morning?

(23) If I can put my two cents in, I really believe that this coffee cart program would be the greatest teaching tool for the student body. (24) You have the opportunity to help the students learn by experience. (25) I know the board is quite busy and has a lot on their plate, but I would appreciate it if you could take the time to really consider this idea.

Sincerely,

Jack Green

(Question 9)

9

**How should the underlined word in sentence 9 be rewritten?**

I believe it is also essential for a school to teach they're students this subject in a practical way.

A there

B their

C they're

D Leave as is

**Read the passage carefully and answer the following question(s).**

**Andrew Jackson**

The following passage may contain errors.

(1) Andrew Jackson was one of the most incredible men in history. (2) He was the seventh president of the United States. (3) He also was a soldier, teaching school, a lawyer, a member of congress, and a major general.

(4) Jackson was raised by his mother. (5) His father died before he was born. (6) When he was thirteen, he joined the army to fight the British. (7) In April 1781, he and his brother were taken prisoner by the British. (8) When Jackson refused to clean his boots, a British soldier cut his hand to the bone. (9) Then they both got smallpox and his brother died. (10) After he got outta prison, his mother died and he was left alone.

(11) After the revolutionary war, Jackson taught school, and then he was a lawyer. (12) During the War of 1812, he became a hero as a general in the Battle of New Orleans. (13) In 1824, he ran for the presidency of the U.S. (14) He did not win. (15) He had the most popular votes, but he did not have over fifty percent of the electoral votes. (16) In 1828, he ran again and won.

(Question 10)

10

**Which is the correct way to write the underlined portion of sentence 7?**

(7) In April 1781, he and his brother was taken prisoner by the British.

- A has been taken
- B was being taken
- C were taken
- D Correct as is