

SAMs Level A - Form 1 - Language: Punctuation

Sample Question A

Choose the answer that shows the correct punctuation.

- A Yes I know him.
- B Ask Frank to get it?
- C Grab the dog before it gets hit,
- D I asked her to come, and she came.

Sample Question B

Read the passage and look at the underlined part. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

Are you planning to buy a new laptop! Before you visit the electronic store, decide how much you can spend.

- A laptop? Before
- B laptop. Before
- C laptop, before
- D Correct as it is

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For Numbers 1 through 10, choose the answer that is written correctly and shows the correct punctuation.

1. A From my perspective, I didn't see anything, suspicious.
B When the teacher called my name, I looked up, in surprise.
C My co-workers threw me a surprise birthday party at my favorite restaurant.
D Nobody was shocked, when the Hollywood couple announced their breakup.
2. F Although I was very glad to see her, I wished she had called first.
G Because of my fear, of heights, I refuse to try bungee jumping.
H When enough signatures have been collected a recall election must be held.
J David, because he's a vegetarian takes extra vitamins every day.
3. A Darrel likes to work out during his lunch hour so he usually eats a small meal at his desk.
B Patricia scolded her children for making such a mess and then she made them clean it up.
C Sanjay hoped, to pass his certification examination, so that he could get a new job.
D We dropped the kids off at the babysitter's house, and then we went out to a movie.
4. F Fellow citizens I ask for your vote for mayor.
G Cheryl, let's get married.
H I can't, Bob, understand a word, you say.
J I would like to see you in my office Eric.
5. A Before I go out tonight, I need to cash my check, get a haircut and call Victoria.
B The newspaper says that Williams Smith and Johnson have all dropped out of the race.
C I picked up vitamins, throat lozenges, and cough syrup at the pharmacy.
D I sent holiday cards to my parents, my brother and, my sister.
6. F Hey what do you think you're doing?
G I love this place, it reminds me of my hometown.
H My husband, who works as a contractor, can fix your broken stairs.
J I asked Officer, Ramirez, to check on the house while we are out of town.

7. A In the twenty years that I have lived in this town, I have never seen it in such bad shape.
- B In the twenty years, that I have lived in this town, I have never seen it in such bad shape.
- C In the twenty years, that I have lived, in this town, I have never seen it in such bad shape.
- D In the twenty years that I have lived in this town I have never seen it in such bad shape.
8. F The current, city council members have not kept their campaign promises and city services have deteriorated.
- G The current city council members have not kept their campaign promises, and, city services have deteriorated.
- H The current city council members have not kept their campaign promises and city services have deteriorated.
- J The current city council members have not kept their campaign promises, and city services have deteriorated.
9. A We cannot allow our schools to fail, our trash to go uncollected, and our streets to decay.
- B We cannot allow, our schools to fail, our trash to go uncollected, and our streets to decay.
- C We cannot allow our schools to fail our trash to go uncollected, and our streets to decay.
- D We cannot allow, our schools to fail our trash to go uncollected and our streets to decay.
10. F Please friends, vote for me next Tuesday.
- G Please friends vote for me next Tuesday.
- H Please, friends vote for me next Tuesday.
- J Please, friends, vote for me next Tuesday.

For Numbers 11 through 14, read the passage and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

In the past few years, there have been several major outbreaks of bacterial (11) disease throughout the world. Cholera, for instance, has run out of control in parts (12) of Africa and Asia. In the United States, even with its excellent health care system tuberculosis has become a problem again. Tainted food has poisoned large groups of people in several states, and there has been a wave of infections in U.S. hospitals. What's causing this surge in illness? One of the biggest causes is movement of people (13) and food across national borders. War poverty and easy travel have led more and (14) more people to leave their home countries and they are taking diseases with them.

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| 11. A Cholera for instance, has
B Cholera for instance has
C Cholera, for instance has
D Correct as it is | 13. A War, poverty, and easy
B War poverty, and easy
C War poverty and, easy
D Correct as it is |
| 12. F United States even with its excellent
health care system, tuberculosis
G United States, even with its excellent
health care system, tuberculosis
H United States even with, its excellent
health care system, tuberculosis
J Correct as it is | 14. F countries: and they are taking
G countries, and they are taking
H countries and, they are taking
J Correct as it is |

For Numbers 15 through 17, read the passage and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

(15) Last week, Keisha and I took my niece and nephew, Lydia and Jack to the county fair. Things were going fine until Lydia saw a man in a bright red cap carrying a giant stuffed panda. “Look at that,” she cried, jumping up and down in excitement. “Can I have one?” she pleaded.

“Okay, honey,” Keisha answered. “If you want it that much, I’ll try to get you one.” We managed to find a booth where players could win a panda, but Keisha threw balls at a target for half an hour and didn’t win a thing. Finally she said, “I’m sorry, honey, but I can’t win the panda after all.”

(17) Lydia looked puzzled for a moment, and, then said, “Panda? I want a red cap!”

15. A nephew Lydia and Jack
B nephew, Lydia and Jack,
C nephew Lydia and Jack,
D Correct as it is

16. F panda, but,
G panda but
H panda but,
J Correct as it is

17. A moment, and then
B moment and then
C moment; and then
D Correct as it is

For Numbers 18 through 20, read the passage and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

All parents want their children to be successful in life, but many educational experts warn parents against overburdening their children. Many studies have been (18) published in the last few years that measure student performance. One showed that (19) music lessons improve math scores while another indicated that early foreign language training improves writing ability. Other studies seem to indicate that sports participation leads to better sleep habits, that eating fish leads to higher grades, and (20) that yoga training eases anxiety. These studies are useful psychologists say; but parents should not follow every single recommendation.

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| 18. F published, in the last few years, that
G published in the last few years, that,
H published, in the last few years that,
J Correct as it is | 20. F useful, psychologists say, but parents
G useful; psychologists say but parents
H useful psychologists, say but parents
J Correct as it is |
| 19. A math scores while,
B math scores, while
C math, scores, while
D Correct as it is | |