

SAMs Level A - Form 1 - Language: Sentence Formation

Sample Question A

Choose the sentence that is written correctly and shows the correct capitalization and punctuation.

- A Getting a flat tire.
- B Dan got a flat tire.
- C When Dan got a flat tire.
- D Dan used his car he got a flat tire.

Sample Question B

Choose the sentence that best combines the underlined sentences.

I have to buy new glasses.

The glasses are for reading.

- A I have to buy new reading glasses.
- B I, for reading, have to buy new glasses.
- C New glasses for reading have to be bought.
- D I have to buy glasses that are for reading and are new.

Sample Question C

Choose the answer that is written correctly for the underlined part.

Decide where you want to go. Before you plan your vacation.

- A where. You want to go. Before
- B where you want to go before
- C where you want to go before.
- D Correct as it is

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For Numbers 1 through 4, choose the answer that is written correctly and shows the correct capitalization and punctuation.

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| <p>1. A We have problems with late arrivals, missed appointments, and when people cancel at the last minute.</p> <p> B We have problems with people who arrive late, appointments they miss, and canceling at the last minute.</p> <p> C We have problems with people arriving late, appointments missed, and canceling at the last minute.</p> <p> D We have problems with people arriving late, missing appointments, and canceling at the last minute.</p> <p>2. F We don't have enough time to sweep the floors, dish washing, and count the cash.</p> <p> G We don't have enough time for floor sweeping, dish washing, and to count the cash.</p> <p> H We don't have enough time to sweep the floors, wash the dishes, and count the cash.</p> <p> J We don't have enough time for sweeping the floors, dish washing, and to count the cash.</p> | <p>3. A When I am overstressed, I find that reading helps me relax.</p> <p> B Whenever I read I feel relaxed and not stressed at all.</p> <p> C I find that reading can relax my mind and makes a relaxing pastime.</p> <p> D I occasionally like to read every now and then.</p> <p>4. F On the platform, running for their trains.</p> <p> G People often slip on the platform when running for their trains.</p> <p> H People slipping on the platform when running for their trains.</p> <p> J People often run to catch trains then they are likely to slip on the platform.</p> |
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For Numbers 5 through 9, read the underlined sentences. Then choose the sentence that best combines those sentences into one.

5. Manny needed to purchase a new computer.

Manny drove to his local electronics store.

- A Needing a new computer, to purchase, Manny drove to his local electronics store.
- B Needing to purchase, Manny drove to his local new computer electronics store.
- C Manny needed to purchase a new computer, so he drove to his local electronics store.
- D While driving to his local electronics store, Manny needed to purchase a new computer.

6. I spent a long weekend at my grandmother's house.

My grandmother wanted me to help redecorate her house.

- F I spent a long weekend at my grandmother's house to help her redecorate.
- G I spent a long weekend at my grandmother's house, which she had been wanting me to help redecorate.
- H Redecorating my grandmother's house, I spent a long weekend there.
- J My grandmother, who owns a house that she wanted me to help redecorate, invited me for a long weekend.

7. My girlfriend and I plan to stay together.

My girlfriend will be away at graduate school for a year.

- A My girlfriend, who will be away at graduate school for a year, and I plan to stay together.
- B I and my girlfriend plan to stay together, even though I will be away for a year at graduate school.
- C My girlfriend will be away at graduate school for a year, and she and I will be planning to stay together.
- D Though my girlfriend will be away at graduate school for a year, she and I plan to stay together.

8. I bought three bags of groceries.

The groceries were for tonight's dinner.

- F I bought three bags for tonight's dinner of groceries.
- G I bought three bags of groceries for tonight's dinner.
- H The groceries were for tonight's dinner, and I bought three bags.
- J I, shopping for tonight's dinner, bought three bags of groceries.

9. We borrowed a pup tent.

We borrowed a propane stove.

The tent was made of nylon.

- A We borrowed a nylon pup tent and a propane stove.
- B We borrowed a pup tent and a propane stove, which was nylon.
- C Made of nylon, we borrowed a pup tent and a propane stove.
- D We borrowed a pup tent and a stove that were nylon and propane.

For Numbers 10 through 13, read the letter and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

739 Kupps Road
Arlington, VA 22210
April 13, 2003

Music for Less
2222 Kings Highway
Loganville, MT 59270

Dear Sir or Madam:

- (10) I'm enclosing a copy of a bill that not too long ago, I received. The bill is
(11) for a music CD by Shakira. That I have not received. Although I ordered the
(12) CD by phone on January 25 it still hasn't arrived. Please cancel the bill or
(13) how to get the CD.

Thank you for taking care of this matter.

Yours truly,

Marjorie Luna

Marjorie Luna

10. F bill that, not too long ago, I received
G bill. Not too long ago I received
H bill that I recently received
J bill that, recently, I received

11. A CD by Shakira. that
B CD by Shakira that
C CD by Shakira, that
D Correct as it is

12. F January 25, it
G January, 25, it
H January 25. It
J Correct as it is

13. A getting
B send
C how to order
D Correct as it is

For Numbers 14 through 16, read the passage and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

Around the country, music lovers have become concerned about the high cost of going to see a concert. In the last decade, the average cost of a ticket has more than doubled, from \$19 to \$42, and the best seats often cost over \$100.

- (14) Fans of certain acts, when they hear that their favorite band will be playing at a club in their area, try to get tickets and are disappointed to find out that they cost too much money for them to pay.
- (15) Fans wonder. Why ticket prices have become so expensive? One reason is that there are many people who are involved in putting on a concert. The concert promoter schedules the band to play at a local arena and advertises the concert. Along the way, there are many people who must be paid, including the owner of the club, the newspaper that publishes the advertisements, security staff, lighting technicians, and sound engineers. The promoter charges a fee for her services, and of course, the band must be paid for its performance.
- (16) It may be possible to trim costs at every step, but as long as thousands of fans are willing to pay the high prices, bands and promoters won't be looking for ways to make tickets more affordable.

14. F When they hear that their favorite band will be playing at a club in their area, fans of that band are disappointed when they try to get tickets to the concert and find out that they cost too much money for them to pay.
- G Fans become disappointed when they can't afford tickets.
- H Fans are often disappointed to learn they can't afford a ticket when their favorite band plays at a local club.
- J Correct as it is
15. A Fans wonder, why ticket prices have become so expensive?
- B Fans wonder why ticket prices have become so expensive.
- C Fans wonder, why ticket prices, have become so expensive!
- D Correct as it is

16. F Trimming costs is possible in many of the steps, but fans are paying the prices that are high and bands and promoters won't be looking for ways to make tickets more affordable.
- G Cost trimming, can it be done? Yes. Will bands do it? No. People pay the price.
- H Bands and promoters won't be looking for ways to make tickets more affordable, thousands of fans are willing to pay the high prices, so it may be possible to trim costs at every step.
- J Correct as it is

For Numbers 17 through 18, read the letter and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

July 1, 2003

Dear Sponsor,

(17) The Joliet Pacers Racing Group is entering a competition in Seattle. We will be taking a flight from Chicago. Then we will arrive in Seattle. Then we will spend three nights at Motel 6. We will participate in competition Monday the 6th and Tuesday the 7th, after which we will fly back home.

(18) We need your help to defray some of our costs. Each runner will need about \$30 per day for meals. Each will each need about \$90 per day for our rooms. The entrance fee per runner is \$50. Please let us know how you can help us for this exciting competition.

Sincerely,

Maria del Rio

Pacers Activity Chairperson

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| <p>17. A After a flight from Chicago, we will arrive in Seattle and spend three nights at Motel 6.</p> <p>B Spending three nights at Motel 6, we will arrive in Seattle after a flight from Chicago.</p> <p>C Arriving in Seattle, we will fly from Chicago and three nights at Motel 6.</p> <p>D We will spend the night in Seattle, for three nights at Motel 6, after we fly from Chicago.</p> | <p>18. F Meals for \$30, rooms for \$90, and entrance fee for \$50 is what each runner needs.</p> <p>G The runners need \$30, \$90, and \$50 for meals, room, and entrance fee.</p> <p>H \$30 per day for meals, \$90 per day for a room, and each runner needs \$50 for an entrance fee.</p> <p>J Each runner will need about \$30 per day for meals, \$90 per day for a room, and \$50 entrance fee.</p> |
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For Numbers 19 through 20, read the passage and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

- (19) In the past, our neighborhood did not recycle bottles and cans. There was no program. We had recycled newspapers for years. We had to throw away
(20) recyclable metal and plastic with regular trash. We were worried that this was environmentally irresponsible. We set up a recycling program with a local waste management company.

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| 19. | A A recycling program, while we had recycled newspapers, did not recycle bottles and cans. | 20. | F Before we were worried that this was environmentally irresponsible, we set up a recycling program with a local waste management company. |
| | B Needing a program, like the one with which we had recycled newspapers, we did not recycle bottles and cans. | | G While we were worried that this was environmentally irresponsible, we set up a recycling program with a local waste management company. |
| | C Though we had recycled newspapers for years, our neighborhood never had a program for recycling bottles and cans. | | H Although we were worried that this was environmentally irresponsible, we set up a recycling program with a local waste management company. |
| | D Our neighborhood did not recycle bottles and cans, but newspapers for years we had recycled. | | J Because we were worried that this was environmentally irresponsible, we set up a recycling program with a local waste management company. |