

# SAMs Level A - Form 1 - Language: Writing Conventions

## Sample Question A

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

Stop! That isn't funny.

- A is'nt
- B isnt'
- C isnt
- D Correct as it is

## Sample Question B

Choose the answer that shows the correct punctuation.

- A I heard her yell, Help!
- B I was born in Crocker Pennsylvania.
- C Katrina was born December 4 1992.
- D Tomorrow I am flying to  
Austin, Texas.

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

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| <p>1. A Mommy, Why cant' I have another ice cream cone?<br/>B I think I accidentally stole Carls' pen.<br/>C She couldn't believe she had won the lottery.<br/>D He wont go to the movie tonight.</p> <p>2. F I told her to "watch out" for the bees.<br/>G Whenever I'm in the woods, I hear "crickets singing."<br/>H I heard her ask, "If there was any way she could come along."<br/>J I heard her scream, "Mommy, there's someone in the backyard!"</p> <p>3. A We arent going to San Diego this summer after all.<br/>B We weren't able to coordinate all our schedules.<br/>C Instead, well take a longer vacation in the winter.<br/>D That way, shell be able to go with us.</p> | <p>4. F The tourist guide told us "not to feed the animals along the trail."<br/>G You'll regret it he promised.<br/>H "This is the most awesome sight I have ever seen!" Yolanda exclaimed.<br/>J The tourists were wondering "how they can describe the scene to their friends?"</p> <p>5. A Jons car is ready to be picked up at noon.<br/>B The mechanic said that his' brakes need to be replaced soon.<br/>C Jon is already borrowing some of his dads money to pay for the car.<br/>D Jon has been driving his sister's car for a week.</p> <p>6. F I'm heading over to the mall after dinner.<br/>G I shouldnt have waited so long to go shopping.<br/>H Ive been putting in a lot of overtime at work.<br/>J I just couldnt go any earlier than this.</p> |
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7. A Jack, can you give me a ride to the hardware store, asked Sara.  
B Jack put down his mug of coffee. What do you need from there?”  
C “Well, I broke my best screwdriver trying to hang this coat rack Sara replied.  
D “Sure, I’m almost finished here. I’ll take you in just a minute,” Jack said.
8. F Amy, Janis yelled, “can you turn the music down?”  
G “Sorry, I didn’t realize it was so loud,” Amy called back down the stairs.  
H I have to make a phone call, and I can’t even hear myself,” Janis said.  
J Amy asked Janis, “Will you be on the phone long?”

9. A Susans part in the play is a small one.  
B She is going to borrow Jasmynes wig for the part.  
C Dory’s part is one of the two female leads.  
D The other lead was given to Randys sister.
10. F I’ve been meaning to talk to you,” my boss said.  
G “Yes? I said, expecting the worst.  
H I’d like to promote you after the first of the year, she said.  
J “That’s great. Thank you so much,” I responded gleefully.

For Numbers 11 through 15, read the letter and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

(11) September, 9, 2003

Ms. Petra Karahalios  
225 Warren Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21230

Dear Ms. Karahalios:

Thank you for you for contacting Acme Floor Cleaning, Inc. We were sorry that our MopRight Foaming Crystals caused your floor to turn green. Please be assured that we have changed the formula so that this will never happen again. Enclosed with this letter, you will find a full refund of our product's cost, a gift certificate toward the

(12) purchase of new floor tiles, and a book of coupons for Acme's full line of floor products. If you have any further questions, please contact our customer service office at the following address:

(13) 4423 Apple creek way

(14) Baylor, MI 40321

(15) Once again, our apologies for the inconvenience. We hope that yo'ull enjoy the new floor and recommend Acme Floor Cleaning products to all your friends.

Yours truly,

*Salvatore Verdi*

Salvatore Verdi

Customer Relations Director

11. A Sept, 9, 2003  
B September 9, 2003  
C September 9 2003  
D Correct as it is

12. F Acmes full line of floor products.  
G Acmes' full line of floor products.  
H Acmes's full line of floor products.  
J Correct as it is

13. A 4423, Apple creek way  
B 4423 Apple Creek Way  
C 4423 Apple Creek way  
D Correct as it is

14. F Baylor MI 40321.  
G Baylor Michigan 40321  
H Baylor, Michigan, 40321  
J Correct as it is

15. A you'l enjoy  
B you'll enjoy  
C youll enjoy  
D Correct as it is

For Numbers 16 through 20, read the passage and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

I suppose that most of us have stories about meeting someone famous, but my dentist has the best story I've ever heard. On a flight to Orlando, she was surprised to find Henry Youngman sitting in the seat next to hers. Youngman (16) was a comic famous for the quip; "I met a girl who offered to fulfill my greatest fantasy, so I asked her to paint my house."  
(17) According to Dr. Hill, she and Youngman hit it off. The two of (18) them "chatted" during the entire flight. As a joke, she even asked him if he (19) still had any unfulfilled fantasies. Youngman didn't miss a beat. "Not since (20) I bought that condo in Florida, he said.

16. F the quip, "I met  
G the quip, 'I met  
H the quip, I met  
J Correct as it is

17. A Hill "She and Youngman hit it off."  
B Hill, she and Youngman "hit it off."  
C Hill, she and Youngman hit it off".  
D Correct as it is

18. F them "chatted," during  
G them 'chatted' during  
H them chatted during  
J Correct as it is

19. A Youngman didn't miss  
B Youngman didn't' miss  
C Youngman didn't miss  
D Correct as it is

20. F Florida" He  
G Florida," he  
H Florida. He  
J Correct as it is