

# ANSWERS TO PRACTICE TEST NUMBER ONE

## PART I

1. **COMMA SPLICE:** Getting a part-time job would be beneficial to you. This would be especially true if the work were interesting and your co-workers were friendly.
2. **CORRECT**
3. **FAULTY PRONOUN REFERENCE:** The road in front of the house was blocked off when the power poles were being moved by the hydro crews because the poles had become a traffic hazard.
4. **SENTENCE FRAGMENT:** Because my friend has never been to a hockey game, before we go, I will tell him how the game is played and what some of the rules are.
5. **MISPLACED MODIFIER:** Didn't you think that the new professor was extremely late in posting the notes covered in class for the students?
6. **CORRECT**
7. **FAULTY PARALLELISM:** When you go with your friends to the tennis court, you can either get involved in a game or just watch them play.
8. **FAULTY SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT:** The week before graduation, Paul saw that a list of job opportunities was posted on the notice board in the careers office.
9. **REDUNDANT SUBORDINATION:** Although some of my colleagues think that this course is so difficult that they may not even pass it, I haven't had any difficulty understanding the material.
10. **FAULTY SUBJECT:** Having not had enough time for breakfast, I found that my hurried walk to school was very tiring.

# ANSWERS TO PRACTICE TEST NUMBER TWO

## Part I

1. **FAULTY PARALLELISM:** Our organization helps teenagers succeed in life by teaching them communication skills, by being supportive of their choices, and by encouraging them constantly.
2. **FAULTY SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT:** Even though your teachers may sometimes be critical of your work, what they tell you is always for your own good.
3. **FAULTY SUBJECT:** Living in densely populated areas, people may find that the crime rate has risen to such an extent that taking walks after dark is extremely risky.
4. **FAULTY PRONOUN REFERENCE:** The many things I have planned for the coming months make me feel very excited when I think about them.
5. **MISPLACED MODIFIER:** Because the library was so noisy this afternoon, I packed up my books and went home early with a headache.
6. **CORRECT**
7. **SENTENCE FRAGMENT:** The noise from construction at a nearby building made it difficult for the lecturer to make himself heard. This situation was annoying.
8. **REDUNDANT SUBORDINATION:** Although I have seen Béla Tarr's latest movie countless times, I never get tired of it.
9. **CORRECT**
10. **COMMA SPLICE:** Golf has recently become one of the most popular sports in North America. It is played by millions of enthusiasts.

# ANSWERS TO PRACTICE TEST NUMBER THREE

## PART I

1. MISPLACED MODIFIER: The artist attempted, without any luck, to sell a rather unaccomplished painting to a returning customer.
2. FAULTY PRONOUN REFERENCE: One of my favorite activities is alpine skiing, but it really bothers me that in my province there isn't a ski resort specially developed for it.
3. COMMA SPLICE: A number of trees in my neighborhood were blown down in last night's windstorm. We lost two maples in our backyard.
4. FAULTY PARALLELISM: There are two ways to succeed in life without having to work: winning the lottery and inheriting a considerable amount of money.
5. DANGLING MODIFIER: Before you register for the next semester, your program advisor should confirm that the courses you have selected meet the requirements for your degree.
6. CORRECT
7. SENTENCE FRAGMENT: Many discussions on radio or television bring together people who have completely opposite opinions. These discussions get nowhere.
8. CORRECT
9. FAULTY SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT: We recently moved to Vancouver, and I must say that everyone in this wonderful city has been very helpful and friendly.
10. RUN-ON SENTENCE: I didn't have much time to spend in the library yesterday. I was lucky to find very quickly the information that I needed.

# ANSWERS TO PRACTICE TEST NUMBER FOUR

## Part I

1. CORRECT
2. FAULTY PUNCTUATION: Undoubtedly, Tamara's work experience and impressive academic background make her the ideal candidate for this position.
3. FAULTY SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT: There still are some people who seem to believe that they can get a post-secondary diploma or degree without working hard enough.
4. FAULTY SUBJECT: Even after having studied all night, I found that many concepts tested on the final exam were unfamiliar because they had not been covered in the textbook.
5. COMMA SPLICE: There were several letters that he that he had postponed writing. He told himself that he would write them on Sunday afternoon.
6. CORRECT
7. FAULTY PRONOUN REFERENCE: My father was hoping that, on his day off, the weather would be sunny, but clouds kept covering the sun.
8. MISPLACED MODIFIER: As quest speakers, the well-known wolfhound owners Jim and Jane Bagshaw will discuss the importance of wolfhounds.
9. FAULTY PARALLELISM: When you phoned me, I was sitting at home enjoying my favorite television program and wishing that I didn't have a chemistry exam on the following day.
10. SENTENCE FRAGMENT: Most of Jane's friends say that she has a wonderful, but rather strange, sense of humor. In my opinion, this statement is true.