

## PRACTICE PUNCTUATION TEST

For each of the following sentences, examine the sentence and determine if it is correctly punctuated. If it is correct, choose "E" as your response. If it is not correct, indicate which of the four choices - A, B, C or D - is correct.

1. Jeri Martin is an attractive intelligent woman she should do well in the public relations field.
  - A. there should be a comma between "attractive" and "intelligent"
  - B. there should be a comma between "woman" and "she"
  - C. there should be a hyphen between "attractive" and "intelligent"
  - D. there should be a comma between "attractive" and "intelligent" and a semicolon between "woman" and "she"
  - E. the sentence is correct.
  
2. The fully-experienced members of the group will conduct special sessions of the organization the next three Wednesday's.
  - A. the hyphen between "fully" and "experienced" should be eliminated
  - B. the apostrophe in "Wednesday's" should be eliminated
  - C. eliminate both the hyphen between "fully" and "experienced" and the apostrophe in "Wednesday's"
  - D. there should be a comma after "sessions"
  - E. the sentence is correct
  
3. Two hours before going fishing, James decided to visit his grandmother.
  - A. the comma after "fishing" should be eliminated
  - B. the period after "grandmother" should be eliminated and replaced with a question mark
  - C. there should be a hyphen between "two" and "hours"
  - D. there should be a semicolon after "fishing"
  - E. the sentence is correct
  
4. "If I were a thoughtless woman I'd ignore the hungry and homeless," Sarah said.
  - A. there should be a dash after "woman"
  - B. there should be a hyphen between "thoughtless" and "woman"
  - C. there should be a comma after "woman"
  - D. move the comma after "homeless" outside the quotation mark
  - E. the sentence is correct

5. Its never wise to overspend using your credit cards.
- A. there should be a hyphen between "credit" and "cards"
  - B. the "t" and "s" in the word "Its" require an apostrophe
  - C. there should be a comma between "never" and "wise"
  - D. the period after "cards" should be eliminated
  - E. the sentence is correct
6. Both the 5-and 6-year-old-girls were excited to receive praise for their contribution to the team's success.
- A. the hyphen after "5" should be eliminated
  - B. the hyphen after "6-year-old" should be eliminated
  - C. there should be a hyphen between "and" and "6"
  - D. There should be a space after the hyphen following "5," and the hyphen between the words "old" and "girls" should be eliminated
  - E. the sentence is correct
7. Mary brought the sandwiches, and Geraldine delivered the chips, drinks and desserts.
- A. the comma after "sandwiches" should be eliminated
  - B. there should be a colon after "brought"
  - C. the comma after "chips" should be eliminated
  - D. there should be a comma after "Geraldine"
  - E. the sentence is correct
8. The two children wanted to stay at home without a baby sitter, their parents strongly disagreed with them.
- A. there should be a hyphen between "strongly" and "disagreed"
  - B. the comma after "sitter" should be eliminated
  - C. eliminate the comma after "sitter" and replace it with a semicolon
  - D. there should be an apostrophe "s" after the word "children"
  - E. the sentence is correct
9. Nine-tenths of the students attending the football game were wearing Texas Techs colors.
- A. there should be a dash between "Nine" and "tenths"
  - B. the hyphen between "Nine" and "tenths" should be eliminated
  - C. there should be a comma after the "s" in "Tech"
  - D. there should be an apostrophe after the "s" in "Tech"
  - E. the sentence is correct

10. The board made the decision Dec. 18, 2011 in Abilene, Texas.
- A. the period after "Dec" should be eliminated
  - B. the comma after "Abilene" should be eliminated
  - C. the sentence requires a comma after "2011"
  - D. there should be a dash inserted after "board"
  - E. the sentence is correct

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