Self-check CU1M2 Combining Sentences

1. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

It was the gloomiest day. Rainy and wet. Cloudy and dark.

No change needed.

It was the gloomiest day, rainy and wet, cloudy and dark.

\*\*\*It was the gloomiest of days: rainy, wet, cloudy and dark.

It was the gloomiest, rainiest, wettest, cloudiest, darkest day.

2. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

Children were playing in the street on Mission Street yesterday afternoon. They were not paying attention to the traffic. A red Mercedes nearly hit one of them. No one was hurt, but the female driver of the Mercedes was shaken up after the incident.

No change needed.

A red Mercedes nearly hit one of the children playing in the middle of Mission Street yesterday afternoon. Even though no one was hurt, the driver was shaken.

No one was hurt yesterday when a driver almost hit one of the children playing in Mission Street.

Correct Answer: The driver of a red Mercedes was shaken yesterday afternoon when she narrowly missed hitting one of the children playing in the middle of Mission Street. No one was injured.

3. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

Philip Seymour Hoffman was a great American actor. He died of a drug overdose. He was 46. He was brilliant and very versatile.

No change needed.

Correct Answer: Before his drug overdose at the age of 46, Philip Seymour Hoffman was a brilliant and very versatile American actor.

Philip Seymour Hoffman was a very versatile and brilliant American actor. When he died at the age of 46 from a drug overdose.

Dying from a drug overdose, Philip Seymour Hoffman was a great American actor at the age of 46.

4. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

Lord of the Flies is a novel written by William Golding. Golding was an English author. The book was published in 1954. It was his first novel.

No change needed.

William Golding's first novel, Lord of the Flies, was first published in 1954. He was English.

Lord of the Flies, by English author William Golding, was first published in 1954. It was his first novel.

Correct Answer: First published in 1954, Lord of the Flies was English author William Golding's first novel.

5. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

Anne Lamott is an author. She has written many books of fiction and non-fiction. Her book Operating Instructions is a journal of her son's first year of life. She lives in Northern California.

No change needed.

Operating Instructions is written by Anne Lamott who lives in Northern California. She has written many books of fiction and non-fiction.

Correct Answer: Northern California author Anne Lamott has written many books of fiction and non-fiction. Her book Operating Instructions is a journal of her son's first year of life.

Operating Instructions is a journal of Northern California author Anne's Lamott's son's first year of life. Lamott has written many books of fiction and non-fiction.

6. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

Pablo Picasso was a famous artist. He is known for being very active and we are left with hundreds of pieces of his art work. "Give me a museum and I'll fill it." He lived from 1881-1973. He was a painter, sculptor, and abstract artist.

No change needed.

Abstract artist Pablo Picasso is known for being prolific. He lived from 1881-1973. He said "Give me a museum and I'll fill it."

A famous artist and sculptor named Pablo Picasso said, "Give me a museum and I'll fill it."

Correct Answer: Pablo Picasso, prolific painter and sculptor who lived from 1881-1973 is quoted as saying, "Give me a museum and I'll fill it."

7. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

The movie didn't win any awards. It is the best movie I've ever seen. It is a drama.

No change needed.

The best movie I've ever seen didn't win any awards. It is a drama.

Correct Answer: Though it didn't win any awards for drama, it is the best movie I've ever seen.

It is the best movie I've ever seen, though it didn't win any drama awards.

8. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

I can remember my first car. Orange and black. With a racing stripe along the driver's side. It was a Mustang.

No change needed.

Correct Answer: I can remember my first car, an orange and black Mustang with a racing stripe along the driver's side.

I can remember it. My first car. It was a Mustang with a racing stripe along the driver's side. It was orange and black.

I can remember my first orange and black car. It was a Mustang. It had a racing stripe along the driver's side.

9. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

There were rocks in the stream. Slippery and wet. They looked like black and gray fish. They were shiny.

No change needed.

The fish in the stream were like shiny black and gray rocks. They were slippery.

The shiny rocks were in the stream. They were slippery and wet. They were like fish.

Correct Answer: The rocks in the stream were slippery and wet like shiny black and gray fish.

10. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

In the essay I read, the author explained the concept of hoarding. He said that hoarding is "the accumulation of money, food, or the like in a hidden or carefully guarded place for future use." The article was written by Tom Skinner. It was published in the local newspaper the Smallville Democrat Times.

No change needed.

Correct Answer: According to Tom Skinner of the Smallville Democrat Times, hoarding is defined as “the accumulation of money, food, or the like in a hidden or carefully guarded place for future use.”

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In the Smallville Democrat Times, hoarding is described by Tom Skinner as “the accumulation of money, food, or the like in a hidden or carefully guarded place for future use.” Skinner is the author of the article I read.

11. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

The study was done at the University of Iowa. By local researchers there. Who determined that women were not earning the same rate of pay as men for the same work.

No change needed.

At the University of Iowa, a study was done by local researchers. It was determined that women were not earning the same rate of pay as men for the same work.

Correct Answer: According to a study done by researchers at the University of Iowa, women are not earning the same rate of pay as men for the same work.

Women are not earning the same rate of pay as men, researchers found at the University of Iowa. Even though the work is the same.

12. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

The house was expensive. With granite counter tops and slate floors. Our first house.

No change needed.

With granite counter tops and slate floors, it was our first house. It was expensive.

Correct Answer

Our first house was expensive, with granite counter tops and slate floors.

The granite counter tops and slate floors were expensive in our first house.

13. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

As far as their neighbors were concerned, the couple who lived next door were happy and successful prior to the accident.

Correct Answer: No change needed.

The couple who lived next door were happy and successful prior to the accident. As far as their neighbors were concerned.

The couple who lived next door were happy. They were also successful prior to the accident their neighbors thought.

Prior to the accident, their neighbors thought the couple who lived next door were happy. And successful.

14. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

A tree fell across the street. Knocking out power lines. It nearly hit two parked cars.

No change needed.

Knocking out power lines, a tree across the street nearly hit two parked cars when it fell.

When a tree fell across the street, it nearly hit two parked cars. It knocked out power lines.

Correct Answer: A tree across the street knocked out power lines when it fell and nearly hit two parked cars.

15. Choose the option below that properly combines the sample sentences.

Police were alerted. Last Saturday night. The 911 dispatcher told them it was a domestic violence call.

No change needed.

Correct Answer: The 911 dispatcher alerted police to a domestic violence call last Saturday night.

The police were alerted last Saturday night to a domestic violence call from the 911 dispatcher.

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