Self-check CU1M2 Mastering Sentence Structure

1. Read the following writing sample and decide whether or not there is a fragment that needs to be fixed. If so, choose the best answer to create a complete sentence.

Mrs. Dawson cleaned every morning. Cooked every weekend. Worked all the time.

No change needed.

\*\*\*Mrs. Dawson cleaned every morning, cooked every weekend, worked all the time.

Mrs. Dawson cleaned every morning; cooked every weekend; worked all the time.

Mrs. Dawson cleaned every morning cooked every weekend worked all the time.

2. Read the following writing sample and decide whether or not there is a fragment that needs to be fixed. If so, choose the best answer to create a complete sentence.

My sisters came to visit me in February. When the biggest storm hit and shut down the whole town.

No change needed.

My sisters came to visit me in February; when the biggest storm hit and shut down the whole town.

My sisters came to visit me in February. Where the biggest storm hit and shut down the whole town.

\*\*\*My sisters came to visit me in February, when the biggest storm hit and shut down the whole town.

3. Read the following writing sample and decide whether or not there is a fragment that needs to be fixed. If so, choose the best answer to create a complete sentence.

The farmer walked through the field. Dropped pumpkin seeds along the way.

No change needed.

The farmer walked through the field; dropped pumpkin seeds along the way.

The farmer walked through the field dropped pumpkin seeds along the way.

\*\*\*The farmer walked through the field. He dropped pumpkin seeds along the way.

4. Read the following writing sample and decide whether or not there is a fragment that needs to be fixed. If so, choose the best answer to create a complete sentence.

Web design is an exciting career field. Which didn't exist when my mother was in college.

No change needed.

\*\*\*Web design is an exciting career field which didn't exist when my mother was in college.

Web design is an exciting career field; which didn't exist when my mother was in college.

Web design is an exciting career field, which didn't exist when my mother was in college.

5. Read the following writing sample and decide whether or not there is a fragment that needs to be fixed. If so, choose the best answer to create a complete sentence.

Although I got all A's my senior year in high school. My first year of college was really hard.

No change needed.

Although I got all A's my senior year in high school; my first year of college was really hard.

\*\*\*Although I got all A's my senior year in high school, my first year of college was really hard.

Although I got all A's my senior year in high school my first year of college was really hard.

6. Read the following writing sample and decide whether or not there is a fragment that needs to be fixed. If so, choose the best answer to create a complete sentence.

We made dinner together. A relaxing ending to an otherwise busy day.

No change needed.

We made dinner together; a relaxing ending to an otherwise busy day.

We made dinner together a relaxing ending to an otherwise busy day.

\*\*\*We made dinner together, a relaxing ending to an otherwise busy day.

7. Read the following writing sample and decide whether or not there is a fragment that needs to be fixed. If so, choose the best answer to create a complete sentence.

To avoid disappointing his parents, Enrique worked hard at school and skipped out on the party scene.

\*\*\*No change needed.

To avoid disappointing his parents. Enrique worked hard at school and skipped out on the party scene.

To avoid disappointing his parents; Enrique worked hard at school and skipped out on the party scene.

To avoid disappointing his parents Enrique worked hard at school and skipped out on the party scene.

8. Read the following writing sample and decide whether or not there is a fragment that needs to be fixed. If so, choose the best answer to create a complete sentence.

Exhausted from fighting fires all night, Maria wanted nothing more than to take a shower and go to bed.

\*\*\*No change needed.

Exhausted from fighting fires all night Maria wanted nothing more than to take a shower and go to bed.

Exhausted from fighting, fires all night, Maria wanted nothing more, than to take a shower, and go to bed.

Exhausted from fighting fires all night; Maria wanted nothing more than to take a shower and go to bed.

9. Read the following writing sample and decide whether or not there is a fragment that needs to be fixed. If so, choose the best answer to create a complete sentence.

What's Grayson's obsession? Playing video games and watching action movies on television.

No change needed.

\*\*\*What's Grayson's obsession? He plays video games and watches action movies on television.

What's Grayson's obsession? Playing video games, and watching action movies on television.

What's Grayson's obsession? Playing video games. And watching action movies on television.

10. Read the following writing sample and decide whether or not there is a fragment that needs to be fixed. If so, choose the best answer to create a complete sentence.

Tonya and Erin ran their first marathon together. To celebrate their fortieth birthday.

No change needed.

Tonya and Erin ran their first marathon together; to celebrate their fortieth birthday.

\*\*\*Tonya and Erin ran their first marathon together to celebrate their fortieth birthday.

Tonya and Erin ran their first marathon together. In celebration of their fortieth birthday.

11. The following may contain a fragment, a fused sentence, a comma splice, or a properly punctuated sentence. Decide what, if anything, should be done to solve the problem.

Aubrey knew that her daughter was allergic to nuts she forgot to alert the school.

No change needed

Aubrey knew that her daughter was allergic to nuts, she forgot to alert the school.

Aubrey knew that her daughter was allergic to nuts but she forgot to alert the school.

\*\*\*Aubrey knew that her daughter was allergic to nuts, but she forgot to alert the school.

12. The following may contain a fragment, a fused sentence, a comma splice, or a properly punctuated sentence. Decide what, if anything, should be done to solve the problem.

It's always safe to follow your heart; it always knows the way.

\*\*\*No change needed.

It's always safe to follow your heart, it always knows the way.

It's always safe to follow your heart; It always knows the way.

It's always safe to follow your heart it always knows the way.

13. Which of the following solutions would not be an appropriate fix for the following sentence?

I did not know where the supermarket was I had not been there in years.

\*\*\*I did not know where the supermarket was, I had not been there in years.

I did not know where the supermarket was; I had not been there in years.

I did not know where the supermarket was because I had not been there in years.

I did not know where the supermarket was. I had not been there in years.

14. Which of the following solutions would not be an appropriate fix for the following sentence problem?

Gloria knew all the best restaurants in town she was quite the gourmet.

Gloria knew all the best restaurants in town; she was quite the gourmet.

Gloria knew all the best restaurants in town. She was quite the gourmet.

\*\*\*Gloria knew all the best restaurants in town, she was quite the gourmet.

Because Gloria was quite the gourmet, she knew all the best restaurants in town.

15. Which of the following solutions would be the most appropriate fix for the following sentence problem?

Sarindu played well with all the kids on the block. Except Harold who bullied everyone.

\*\*\*Sarindu played well with all the kids on the block except Harold who bullied everyone.

Sarindu played well with all the kids on the block; except Harold who bullied everyone.

Sarindu played well with all the kids on the block. Harold who bullied everyone.

Sarindu played well, with all the kids on the block, except Harold, who bullied everyone.