

Reading and Writing for Assessment

Respond to Questions About Conventions

Student: _____ Date: _____

Carefully read each question and possible response before selecting your answer. If the underlined section is already correct, select NO CHANGE.

After first hour, Theia provided her notes to Jason and Erin helped Lydia study for the exam

1. In the sentence above, the **best punctuation** for the underlined section is
 - A. Theia provided her notes to Jason and Erin, helped Lydia study for the exam.
 - B. Theia provided her notes to Jason, and Erin helped Lydia study for the exam.
 - C. Theia provided: her notes to Jason, and Erin helped: Lydia study for the exam.
 - D. NO CHANGE

The police officer asked me Do you know how fast you were going

2. The correct punctuation for the sentence above is
 - A. The police officer asked me, "Do you know how fast you were going?"
 - B. The police officer asked me, "Do you know how fast you were going"?
 - C. The police officer asked me: "Do you know how fast you were going?".
 - D. NO CHANGE

The progressive party advocated for free tuition to technical colleges or four-year universaties

3. In the sentence above, which of the underlined words is spelled incorrectly?
 - A. advocated
 - B. tuition
 - C. universaties
 - D. NO CHANGE

Both of my sisters became attorneys-at-law.

4. In the sentence above, the correct spelling of the underlined noun is

- A. attornies-at-law
- B. attorneys'-at-law
- C. attorneys-at-laws
- D. NO CHANGE

Everyone must bring their own notebook and pen or pencil.

5. In the sentence above, the correct choice for the underlined word is
- A. Everyone must bring his own
 - B. Everyone must bring her own
 - C. All students must bring their own
 - D. NO CHANGE

Leaping around with boundless energy, the crowd watched the rapid-fire comedian.

6. Which revision **best corrects** the error in the sentence above?
- A. The crowd leaped around with boundless energy while watching the rapid-fire comedian.
 - B. Leaping around with boundless energy, the rapid-fire comedian entertained the crowd.
 - C. The rapid-fire comedian watched the crowd leaping around with boundless energy.
 - D. NO CHANGE.

Without a second thought, I stepped up to help the fallen man.

7. What revision would correct the error in the underlined selection above?
- A. Without a second thought, I stepped up to help the fallen man.
 - B. Without a second thought I stepped up to: help the fallen man.
 - C. Without a second thought: I stepped up to help the fallen man.
 - D. NO CHANGE.

My father bewildered by his new voice-recognition personal assistant has begun to wonder if his house is haunted.

8. Which revision corrects the punctuation of the underlined sentence above?
- A. My father bewildered by his new voice-recognition personal assistant, has begun to wonder if his house is haunted.
 - B. My father, bewildered by his new voice-recognition personal assistant, has begun to wonder if his house is haunted.
 - C. My father bewildered, by his new voice-recognition personal assistant, has begun to wonder if his house is haunted.
 - D. NO CHANGE

The senator's speech was much more persuasive.

9. Which revision corrects the error in the sentence above?
- A. The senator's speech was much more argumentative.
 - B. The senator's speech was much less persuasive.
 - C. The senator's speech was much more persuasive than her colleague's speech.
 - D. NO CHANGE

The minivan is old. The minivan has no air conditioning. The fender is taped on.

10. Which revision **most improves** the underlined sentences above?
- A. The minivan is old and it has no air conditioning and the fender is taped on.
 - B. The minivan is old, without air conditioning and with a taped-on fender.
 - C. The minivan is old it has no air conditioning the fender is taped on.
 - D. NO CHANGE