

Verbal Questions

Sentence Correction

Each of the sentence correction questions presents a sentence, part or all of which is underlined. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. The first of these repeats the original; the other four are different. Follow the requirements of standard written English to choose your answer, paying attention to grammar, word choice, and sentence construction. Select the answer that produces the most effective sentence; your answer should make the sentence clear, exact, and free of grammatical error. It should also minimize awkwardness, ambiguity, and redundancy.

83. Unlike the buildings in Mesopotamian cities, which were arranged haphazardly, the same basic plan was followed for all cities of the Indus Valley: with houses laid out on a north-south, east-west grid, and houses and walls were built of standard-size bricks.
- (A) the buildings in Mesopotamian cities, which were arranged haphazardly, the same basic plan was followed for all cities of the Indus Valley: with houses
- (B) the buildings in Mesopotamian cities, which were haphazard in arrangement, the same basic plan was used in all cities of the Indus Valley: houses were
- (C) the arrangement of buildings in Mesopotamian cities, which were haphazard, the cities of the Indus Valley all followed the same basic plan: houses
- (D) Mesopotamian cities, in which buildings were arranged haphazardly, the cities of the Indus Valley all followed the same basic plan: houses were
- (E) Mesopotamian cities, which had buildings that were arranged haphazardly, the same basic plan was used for all cities in the Indus Valley: houses that were
84. New data from United States Forest Service ecologists show that for every dollar spent on controlled small-scale burning, forest thinning, and the training of fire-management personnel, it saves seven dollars that would not be spent on having to extinguish big fires.
- (A) that for every dollar spent on controlled small-scale burning, forest thinning, and the training of fire-management personnel, it saves seven dollars that would not be spent on having to extinguish
- (B) that for every dollar spent on controlled small-scale burning, forest thinning, and the training of fire-management personnel, seven dollars are saved that would have been spent on extinguishing
- (C) that for every dollar spent on controlled small-scale burning, forest thinning, and the training of fire-management personnel saves seven dollars on not having to extinguish
- (D) for every dollar spent on controlled small-scale burning, forest thinning, and the training of fire-management personnel, that it saves seven dollars on not having to extinguish
- (E) for every dollar spent on controlled small-scale burning, forest thinning, and the training of fire-management personnel, that seven dollars are saved that would not have been spent on extinguishing

85. Like the grassy fields and old pastures that the upland sandpiper needs for feeding and nesting when it returns in May after wintering in the Argentine Pampas, the sandpipers vanishing in the northeastern United States is a result of residential and industrial development and of changes in farming practices.
- (A) the sandpipers vanishing in the northeastern United States is a result of residential and industrial development and of changes in
 - (B) the bird itself is vanishing in the northeastern United States as a result of residential and industrial development and of changes in
 - (C) that the birds themselves are vanishing in the northeastern United States is due to residential and industrial development and changes to
 - (D) in the northeastern United States, sandpipers' vanishing due to residential and industrial development and to changes in
 - (E) in the northeastern United States, the sandpipers' vanishing, a result of residential and industrial development and changing
86. The results of two recent unrelated studies support the idea that dolphins may share certain cognitive abilities with humans and great apes; the studies indicate dolphins as capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and to grasp spontaneously the mood or intention of humans.
- (A) dolphins as capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and to grasp spontaneously
 - (B) dolphins' ability to recognize themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered as a sign of self-awareness—and of spontaneously grasping
 - (C) dolphins to be capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and to grasp spontaneously
 - (D) that dolphins have the ability of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered as a sign of self-awareness—and spontaneously grasping
 - (E) that dolphins are capable of recognizing themselves in mirrors—an ability that is often considered a sign of self-awareness—and of spontaneously grasping
87. According to scholars, the earliest writing was probably not a direct rendering of speech, but was more likely to begin as a separate and distinct symbolic system of communication, and only later merged with spoken language.
- (A) was more likely to begin as
 - (B) more than likely began as
 - (C) more than likely beginning from
 - (D) it was more than likely begun from
 - (E) it was more likely that it began
88. In 1995 Richard Stallman, a well-known critic of the patent system, testified in Patent Office hearings that, to test the system, a colleague of his had managed to win a patent for one of Kirchhoff's laws, an observation about electric current first made in 1845 and now included in virtually every textbook of elementary physics.
- (A) laws, an observation about electric current first made in 1845 and
 - (B) laws, which was an observation about electric current first made in 1845 and it is
 - (C) laws, namely, it was an observation about electric current first made in 1845 and
 - (D) laws, an observation about electric current first made in 1845, it is
 - (E) laws that was an observation about electric current, first made in 1845, and is
89. Excavators at the Indus Valley site of Harappa in eastern Pakistan say the discovery of inscribed shards dating to circa 2800–2600 B.C. indicate their development of a Harappan writing system, the use of inscribed seals impressed into clay for marking ownership, and the standardization of weights for trade or taxation occurred many decades, if not centuries, earlier than was previously believed.
- (A) indicate their development of a Harappan writing system, the use of
 - (B) indicate that the development of a Harappan writing system, using
 - (C) indicates that their development of a Harappan writing system, using
 - (D) indicates the development of a Harappan writing system, their use of
 - (E) indicates that the development of a Harappan writing system, the use of

90. The Supreme Court has ruled that public universities can collect student activity fees even with students' objections to particular activities, so long as the groups they give money to will be chosen without regard to their views.
- (A) with students' objections to particular activities, so long as the groups they give money to will be
 - (B) if they have objections to particular activities and the groups that are given the money are
 - (C) if they object to particular activities, but the groups that the money is given to have to be
 - (D) from students who object to particular activities, so long as the groups given money are
 - (E) though students have an objection to particular activities, but the groups that are given the money be
91. Despite the increasing number of women graduating from law school and passing bar examinations, the proportion of judges and partners at major law firms who are women have not risen to a comparable extent.
- (A) the proportion of judges and partners at major law firms who are women have not risen to a comparable extent
 - (B) the proportion of women judges and partners at major law firms have not risen comparably
 - (C) the proportion of judges and partners at major law firms who are women has not risen comparably
 - (D) yet the proportion of women judges and partners at major law firms has not risen to a comparable extent
 - (E) yet the proportion of judges and partners at major law firms who are women has not risen comparably

92. Seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, but it ran 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, the Erie Canal connected the Hudson River at Albany to the Great Lakes at Buffalo, providing the port of New York City with a direct water link to the heartland of the North American continent.
- (A) Seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, but it ran 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, the Erie Canal connected
 - (B) Seldom more than 40 feet wide or 12 feet deep but running 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, the Erie Canal connected
 - (C) It was seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, and ran 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, but the Erie Canal, connecting
 - (D) The Erie Canal was seldom more than 40 feet wide or 12 feet deep and it ran 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, which connected
 - (E) The Erie Canal, seldom more than 40 feet wide and 12 feet deep, but running 363 miles across the rugged wilderness of upstate New York, connecting
93. In 1923, the Supreme Court declared a minimum wage for women and children in the District of Columbia as unconstitutional, and ruling that it was a form of price-fixing and, as such, an abridgment of the right of contract.
- (A) the Supreme Court declared a minimum wage for women and children in the District of Columbia as unconstitutional, and
 - (B) the Supreme Court declared as unconstitutional a minimum wage for women and children in the District of Columbia, and
 - (C) the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a minimum wage for women and children in the District of Columbia,
 - (D) a minimum wage for women and children in the District of Columbia was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court,
 - (E) when the Supreme Court declared a minimum wage for women and children in the District of Columbia as unconstitutional,

94. Researchers have found that individuals who have been blind from birth, and who thus have never seen anyone gesture, nevertheless make hand motions when speaking just as frequently and in virtually the same way as sighted people do, and that they will gesture even when conversing with another blind person.

- (A) who thus have never seen anyone gesture, nevertheless make hand motions when speaking just as frequently and in virtually the same way as sighted people do, and that they will gesture
- (B) who thus never saw anyone gesturing, nevertheless make hand motions when speaking just as frequent and in virtually the same way as sighted people did, and that they will gesture
- (C) who thus have never seen anyone gesture, nevertheless made hand motions when speaking just as frequently and in virtually the same way as sighted people do, as well as gesturing
- (D) thus never having seen anyone gesture, nevertheless made hand motions when speaking just as frequent and in virtually the same way as sighted people did, as well as gesturing
- (E) thus never having seen anyone gesture, nevertheless to make hand motions when speaking just as frequently and in virtually the same way as sighted people do, and to gesture

95. Like embryonic germ cells, which are cells that develop early in the formation of the fetus and that later generate eggs or sperm, embryonic stem cells have the ability of developing themselves into different kinds of body tissue.

- (A) embryonic stem cells have the ability of developing themselves into different kinds of body tissue
- (B) embryonic stem cells have the ability to develop into different kinds of body tissue
- (C) in embryonic stem cells there is the ability to develop into different kinds of body tissue
- (D) the ability to develop themselves into different kinds of body tissue characterizes embryonic stem cells
- (E) the ability of developing into different kinds of body tissue characterizes embryonic stem cells

96. Critics contend that the new missile is a weapon whose importance is largely symbolic, more a tool for manipulating people's perceptions than to fulfill a real military need.

- (A) for manipulating people's perceptions than to fulfill
- (B) for manipulating people's perceptions than for fulfilling
- (C) to manipulate people's perceptions rather than that it fulfills
- (D) to manipulate people's perceptions rather than fulfilling
- (E) to manipulate people's perceptions than for fulfilling

97. As an actress and, more importantly, as a teacher of acting, Stella Adler was one of the most influential artists in the American theater, who trained several generations of actors including Marlon Brando and Robert De Niro.

- (A) Stella Adler was one of the most influential artists in the American theater, who trained several generations of actors including
- (B) Stella Adler, one of the most influential artists in the American theater, trained several generations of actors who include
- (C) Stella Adler was one of the most influential artists in the American theater, training several generations of actors whose ranks included
- (D) one of the most influential artists in the American theater was Stella Adler, who trained several generations of actors including
- (E) one of the most influential artists in the American theater, Stella Adler, trained several generations of actors whose ranks included

98. By developing the Secure Digital Music Initiative, the recording industry associations of North America, Japan, and Europe hope to create a standardized way of distributing songs and full-length recordings on the Internet that will protect copyright holders and foil the many audio pirates who copy and distribute digital music illegally.
- (A) of distributing songs and full-length recordings on the Internet that will protect copyright holders and foil the many audio pirates who copy and distribute
 - (B) of distributing songs and full-length recordings on the Internet and to protect copyright holders and foiling the many audio pirates copying and distributing
 - (C) for distributing songs and full-length recordings on the Internet while it protects copyright holders and foils the many audio pirates who copy and distribute
 - (D) to distribute songs and full-length recordings on the Internet while they will protect copyright holders and foil the many audio pirates copying and distributing
 - (E) to distribute songs and full-length recordings on the Internet and it will protect copyright holders and foiling the many audio pirates who copy and distribute
99. Whereas a ramjet generally cannot achieve high speeds without the initial assistance of a rocket, high speeds can be attained by scramjets, or supersonic combustion ramjets, in that they reduce airflow compression at the entrance of the engine and letting air pass through at supersonic speeds.
- (A) high speeds can be attained by scramjets, or supersonic combustion ramjets, in that they reduce
 - (B) that high speeds can be attained by scramjets, or supersonic combustion ramjets, is a result of their reducing
 - (C) the ability of scramjets, or supersonic combustion ramjets, to achieve high speeds is because they reduce
 - (D) scramjets, or supersonic combustion ramjets, have the ability of attaining high speeds when reducing
 - (E) scramjets, or supersonic combustion ramjets, can attain high speeds by reducing

100. It will not be possible to implicate melting sea ice in the coastal flooding that many global warming models have projected: just like a glass of water that will not overflow due to melting ice cubes, so melting sea ice does not increase oceanic volume.
- (A) like a glass of water that will not overflow due to melting ice cubes,
 - (B) like melting ice cubes that do not cause a glass of water to overflow,
 - (C) a glass of water will not overflow because of melting ice cubes,
 - (D) as melting ice cubes that do not cause a glass of water to overflow,
 - (E) as melting ice cubes do not cause a glass of water to overflow,

Verbal Answer Keys

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| 83. D | 95. B |
| 84. B | 96. B |
| 85. B | 97. C |
| 86. E | 98. A |
| 87. B | 99. E |
| 88. A | 100. E |
| 89. E | |
| 90. D | |
| 91. C | |
| 92. B | |
| 93. C | |
| 94. A | |