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QUESTION 1

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised. Choose the correct option.

Sports are a significant part of life for people all across the world, as was demonstrated in 2006 when billions of people came together to be involved with the World Cup either through playing, watching or thru advertising.

- A. World Cup either through playing, watching or thru advertising.
- B. World cup either through playing, watching or thru advertising.
- C. World Cup either through playing, watching or through advertising.
- D. World Cup either through playing, watching or advertising.
- E. World Cup either through playing, watching or advertising for it.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: This sentence tests your knowledge of capitalization and awareness of parallelism. The original sentence is incorrect because choice "World Cup either through playing, watching or thru advertising" destroys the parallelism (i.e. thru advertising instead of simply "advertising") and uses the informal spelling of through (i.e. "thru"). Only choices "World Cup either through playing, watching or advertising and "World Cup either through playing, watching or advertising for it" correct the parallelism error; however, the list should strictly contain gerunds in order to be parallel, so "advertising for it" is not the best choice. By ending with "for it" the author is also implying that one may "play for it" and "watch for it," and although one may play for the World Cup through a grammar stretch, one cannot possibly "watch for it" and do the same thing as one who simply "watches it." Choice "World Cup either through playing, watching or advertising" uses the appropriate capitalization (because the World Cup is a major sports event it is a proper noun that must be capitalized) and maintains strict parallelism in the concluding list of ways to be involved.

QUESTION 2

Identify the error in the following sentence:

Although Paloma did her very best on the test, she was disappointed to find that she had gotten several questions wrong because of simple multiplication errors.

A. very best

B. to find

C. she

D. wrong

E. No error

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The correct answer is "very best" because "best" is an absolute adjective. Some adjectives, including superlative adjectives like "best," cannot accept modifiers. When you think about the phrase "very best," it is redundant: if something is the best, then it can\\'t be any more than that. It\\'s already at the top of its category or class with no way



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to get better.

QUESTION 3
Identify the error in the following sentence:
She didn\\'t answer him; she was concentrating on her paper.
A. didn\\'t
B. him;
C. was concentrating
D. paper.
E. No error
Correct Answer: E
Explanation: The sentence is correct as written.

QUESTION 4

Identify the error in the following sentence:

The sale ends at 11:00, so you should get there quick if you want to take advantage of the discount prices.

A. sale

B. you

C. there

D. quick

E. No error

Correct Answer: D

The correct answer is "quick" because "quick" is an adjective and should not be used to describe a verb. In this sentence "quick" is the manner in which the person should get to the store. To correct the problem, simply substitute the adjective "quick" with the adverb "quickly."

QUESTION 5

Identify the error in the following sentence:

The only person who can make that decision is the president of the United States.

A. The only person



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B. who can

C. that decision

D. the president

E. No error

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: When referring to a specific individual, this word needs to be capitalized.

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