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Comma Splice/Run-Ons/Sentence Fuses Practice Questions

Choose the answer that best corrects the following sentences.

1. There was an accident on the freeway last night, several people were injured.

1. There was an accident on the freeway last night; several people were injured.
2. There was an accident on the freeway last night and several people were injured.
3. There was an accident on the freeway last night several people were injured.
4. Both a and b

2. Sarah went to the zoo, she knew there would be elephants, but she didn’t expect to see a kangaroo.

a. Sarah went to the zoo.  She knew there would be elephants.  But she didn’t expect to see a kangaroo.

b. Sarah went to the zoo, she knew there would be elephants but she didn’t expect to see a kangaroo.

c. Sarah went to the zoo. She knew there would be elephants, but she didn’t expect to see a kangaroo.

d. Correct as is

3. The Big Four bridge is used for walking and biking, it was originally used by trains.

1. The Big Four bridge, used for walking and biking, was originally used by trains.
2. The Big Four bridge.  Is used for walking and biking and it was originally used by trains.
3. The Big Four bridge; is used for walking and biking and it was originally used by trains.
4. The Big Four bridge is used for walking and biking it was originally used by trains.

4. Online shopping is so easy, now you only need to go to press check out, then your items will arrive in 5-7 business days.

1. Online shopping is so easy now you only need to press checkout.  Then your items will arrive in 5-7 business days.
2. Online shopping is so easy.  Now you only need to go press check out, then your items will arrive in 5-7 business days.
3. Online shopping is so easy; now you only need to go press check out; then your items will arrive in 5-7 business days.
4. Online shopping is so easy and now you only need to go press check out and then your items will arrive in 5-7 business days.

5. Swim team signups are almost over, the deadline I believe is May 5th.

1. Swim team signups are almost over; the deadline, I believe, is May 5th.
2. Swim team signups are almost over and the deadline I believe is May 5th.
3. Swim team signups are almost over.  The deadline, I believe, is May 5th.
4. Both a and c

6. Patrick is a well-behaved student he never gets in trouble.

1. Patrick is a well-behaved student.  He never gets in trouble.
2. Patrick is a well-behaved student and he never gets in trouble.
3. Patrick is a well behaved student; he never gets in trouble.
4. All of the above

7. My turtles had to stay at my friends house because I was out of town and if I don’t get them soon he might keep them forever.

1. My turtles had to stay at my friends house, because I was out of town, and if I don’t get them soon, he might keep them forever.
2. My turtles had to stay at my friends house because I was out of town.  If I don’t get them soon, he might keep them forever.
3. My turtles had to stay at my friends house because I was out of town; if I don’t get them soon he might keep them forever.
4. Both b and c

8. Class starts right after lunch make sure you’re on time.

1. Class starts right after lunch.  Make sure you’re there on time.
2. Class starts right after lunch: make sure you’re there on time.
3. Class starts right after lunch, make sure, you’re there on time.
4. Class starts.  Right after lunch make sure you’re there on time.

9. Hayden had a dependable arm good throws were something you would expect from him.

a. Hayden had a dependable arm, good throws were something you would expect from him.

b. Hayden, had a dependable arm, good throws were something you would expect from him.

c. Hayden had a dependable arm.  Good throws were something you would expect from him.

d. None of the above

10. Having younger siblings is hard work you have to play fair and clean up after them and share things with them and they aren’t always nice to you but you have to love them anyway because that’s what your mom would want you to do.

1. Having younger siblings is hard work, you have to play fair, and clean up after them, and share things with them, and they aren’t always nice to you, but you have to love them anyway, because that’s what your mom would want you to do.
2. Having younger siblings is hard work.  You have to play fair, clean up after them and share things with them.  They aren’t always nice to you, but you have to love them anyway because that’s what your mom would want you to do.
3. Having younger siblings is hard work; you have to play fair and clean up after them and share things with them and they aren’t always nice to you; but you have to love them anyway because that’s what your mom would want you to do.
4. Having younger siblings is hard work and you have to play fair and clean up after them and share things with them and they aren’t always nice to you but you have to love them anyway and because that’s what your mom would want you to do.

11. The twins were impossible to tell apart there was little distinction between the two of them.

1. The twins were impossible to tell apart, there was little distinction between the two of them.
2. The twins were impossible to tell apart because there was little distinction between the two of them.
3. The twins were impossible to tell apart: there was little distinction between the two of them.
4. All of the above

12. My mom and dad had the same opinions they were always on the same page.

1. My mom and dad had the same opinions; they were always on the same page.
2. My mom and dad had the same opinions, they were always on the same page.
3. My mom and dad had the same opinions they were always, on the same page.
4. Correct as is

13. Helen put forth a lot of effort in practice her skills and abilities improved.

1. Helen put forth a lot of effort in practice; her skills and abilities improved.
2. Helen put forth a lot of effort in practice, so her skills and abilities improved.
3. Helen put forth a lot of effort in practice.  Her skills and abilities improved.
4. All of the above

14. Her teachers decided what her punishment would be their grim looks as they spoke were intimidating.

1. Her teachers decided what her punishment would be.  Their grim looks as they spoke were intimidating.
2. Her teachers decided what her punishment would be, their grim looks as they spoke were intimidating.
3. Her teachers decided what her punishment would be: their grim looks as they spoke were intimidating.
4. Her teachers, decided what her punishment would be; their grim looks as they spoke were intimidating.

15. He loved her more than anything so when she said she was sad he was there in a heartbeat with a hug and her favorite flowers.

1. He loved her more than anything, so when she said she was sad, he was there in a heartbeat with a hug and her favorite flowers.
2. He loved her more than anything; so when she said she was sad; he was there in a heartbeat with a hug and her favorite flowers.
3. He loved her more than anything.  So when she said she was sad he was there in a heartbeat with a hug and her favorite flowers.
4. He loved her more than anything so when she said she was sad: he was there in a heartbeat with a hug and her favorite flowers.