## Fragments, Comma Splices, and Fused Sentences

**Directions:** Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose "No change is necessary."

1. The dogs <u>drooled while</u> we ate slices of hot <u>pizza but</u> the cat feigned <u>nonchalance even</u> A B C C

though we knew that she wanted a pepperoni.

- A. drooled. While
- B. pizza, but
- C. nonchalance. Even
- D. No change is necessary.
- 2. Mary Ellen <u>screamed</u>, her roommate's pet tarantula crawled out of the bag of popcorn.
  - A. screamed her
  - B. screamed; because, her
  - C. screamed as her
  - D. No change is necessary.
- 3. Running late with <u>dinner, Elizabeth</u> fussed with <u>seasonings and</u> wiped spots off the A B

glasses. While the family stared at their empty plates.

- A. dinner; Elizabeth
- B. seasonings, and
- C. glasses while
- D. No change is necessary.
- 4. Everyone scrambled off the lakeside <u>patio. When</u> the 10-foot alligator lumbered onto shore.
  - A. patio when
  - B. patio; when
  - C. patio, when
  - D. No change is necessary.
- 5. The glass of iced tea promised thirst-quenching <u>refreshment Roseanne</u>, <u>however, had</u> to A B

beat Maria to the <u>refrigerator as</u> they raced through the front door.

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- A. refreshment. Roseanne
- B. however; had
- C. refrigerator; as
- D. No change is necessary.

- 6. Warren wanted to make a good impression on <u>Melody but the soda</u> explosion that soaked his shirt ruined their first meeting.
  - A. Melody; but, the
  - B. Melody; however, the
  - C. Melody, however, the
  - D. No change is necessary.
- 7. Because of the hot <u>sun, ice cream</u> ran down the <u>cone and</u> coated Randall's <u>fingers, his</u> A B C

tongue couldn't keep up.

- A. sun; ice cream
- B. cone, and
- C. fingers, for his
- D. No change is necessary.
- 8. Wanda took a deep breath and got ready to <u>vell. Because</u> Paul was about to explain why his half of the rent would be late again.
  - A. yell, because
  - B. yell because
  - C. yell for
  - D. No change is necessary.
- After Simon bought roses for <u>Emily, he</u> spotted Derek's car in her <u>driveway and</u> realized
   A
   B
   that this gesture would not repair the <u>relationship or</u> win back her love.

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- A. Emily. He
- B. driveway. And
- C. relationship; or
- D. No change is necessary.
- 10. Since Larry had studied for <u>hours; he</u> was relieved to find a big red *A* at the top of his grammar quiz.
  - A. hours he
  - B. hours. He
  - C. hours, he
  - D. No change is necessary.

