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Grammar Quiz

Capitalization - Circle the letter(s) in the sentences below that are incorrectly capitalized. If you think the sentence is correct, write “correct” before the sentence number.

1. This semester I have English class at 1:00, history at 2:00, and biology at 3:00.
2. The town of Omelas is supposed to be a utopia, but all is not what it seems.
3. Tomorrow, Mom and my brother are going to meet Aunt Vicki and my grandmother for lunch.
4. The title of my essay is “When Good Dogs Go Bad.” Correct
5. The New York City College of Technology is the best college in town.

Punctuations with quotes and citations – Circle the area(s) in the sentences below where there are errors in punctuation. If you think the sentence is correct, write “correct” before the sentence number.

1. Ed Levine notes that “the appeal of pizza crosses all ethnic, racial, and class lines” (10).
2. “Have you read *Huckleberry Finn*?” she asked. correct
3. “Look over there,” my mother insisted.
4. Many students have told me that they are “really excited for the semester to be over.” correct
5. Did Mark Twain call Huck’s life “lovely”? correct

Pronouns – If a pronoun is inconsistent, correct it. If it is unclear, change it to something that makes it clearer. If you think the sentence is correct, write “correct” before the sentence number.

1. One is strong and stands up for one’s beliefs, even if one’s or his/her friends disagree.
2. Phil and Robert are best friends, even though their mothers or Phils’ or Robert’s mother doesn’t approve.
3. People all over the world celebrate this holiday as a way to take pride in their heritage.
4. Our brains do better when we work hard on one item at a time.
5. I think the easiest way for me to remain confident is to treat myself like I’m the best thing that ever happened to the world. correct

Apostrophes – Circle any incorrect apostrophes in the following sentences. If you think the sentence is correct, write “correct” before the sentence number.

1. She sees her mother twice every week.
2. Several of my friends’ bikes got stolen on Wednesday. correct
3. The women’s locker room needs to be cleaned.
4. Mondays are the worst day of the week.
5. That dog is hers not mine.

Fragments - If the number contains a sentence that is incomplete, write an F to the side. If the sentence or sentences are both complete, write a C to the side.

1. \_\_c\_\_\_\_I love taking long strolls down empty streets on spring evenings.
2. \_\_\_f\_\_\_\_ Because so many people play video games now and spend a large portion of their time in a virtual world.
3. \_\_\_\_f\_\_\_ The boys ran toward the ocean. Leaping across the hot sand.
4. \_\_\_\_f\_\_\_ According to the article “Why We Should Study Grammar Every Day” written by the brilliant linguist and mother of 7, Rebecca Grey-Sloan, winner of the Nobel Prize in the year 2016.
5. \_\_c\_\_\_\_Although she prefers blue, she decided the yellow would be ok this time.

Run-On Sentences – If the sentence is a run-on, write RO to the side. If the sentence is complete, write a C to the side.

1. \_\_ro\_\_\_\_\_ The light floated toward us, it gave an eerie glow.
2. \_\_c\_\_\_\_\_ I love my dog more than anything, and that’s why I feed her three filet minion steaks a day; this ensures that she knows she is my favorite pet in the whole world.
3. \_\_ro\_\_\_\_\_ Ralph decided to move to Paris, he wanted to be a writer.
4. \_\_\_ro\_\_\_\_ I take the bus, Sarah takes the train.
5. \_\_\_c\_\_\_\_ Baseball is the best sport. It has action, strategy, and misdirection.

Dangling Construction – Correct the following sentences if they have dangling construction. If you think a sentence is correct, write “correct” before the sentence number. These have more than one right answer. Below are examples of some of the options to correct these sentences.

1. As we were leaping happily through the park, the ice cream truck got closer and closer.
2. When I was seven, my parents gave me an adorable puppy as a birthday gift.
3. The reporter interviewed Terrence Harley, a former weight lifter, about the use of steroids. correct
4. As Richard yawned suddenly, he realized the bus ride was making him sleepy.
5. They looked to the north and saw the tornado zipping wildly across the plains. correct

Parallel Structure - Correct the following sentences if they do not have parallel structure. If you think a sentence is correct, write “correct” before the sentence number. These have more than one right answer. Below are examples of some of the options to correct these sentences.

1. To reach the camp, Marty paddled a canoe and then rode a horse.
2. Lord Byron’s travels took him to France, Switzerland, Italy, and ~~to~~ Greece.
3. I love eating salads, watching TV, and relaxing all day on Sundays.
4. I searched under the bed, checked in the closet, and looked in the wastebasket.
5. I have to go to school every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for my volunteer work. correct

Titles – Circle any titles that are not punctuated (italicized or in quotation marks) correctly. If you think a sentence is correct, write “correct” before the sentence number.

1. The book *War and Peace* had a great effect on me. correct
2. Reading Kate Chopin’s short story “The Story of an Hour” made me interested in finding more of her work.
3. The song is called “Elephant” and it is on the album *O* by Damien Rice.
4. *The New York Times* is my favorite newspaper. correct
5. The poem “Jabberwocky” by Lewis Carroll uses nonsense words but is somehow still understandable to most people. correct

Subject-Verb Agreement - The following paragraph contains five errors in subject-verb agreement. Identify and correct the errors.

The sheep-liver fluke is a parasitic flatworm with a very complex life cycle. The fluke starts life by hatching inside a snail. The fluke is then ejected from the snail in a ball of slime. These balls of slime, perhaps a delicacy to them, are eaten by ants. The fluke digs its way through the ant's body until it finally reaches the ant's brain. There, the fluke takes control of the ant by manipulating its nerves, thus turning the ant into its personal robot. Under the command of the fluke, the ant, unable to make its own decisions at this point, climbs to the top of a blade of grass. If the fluke is in luck, the ant is eaten by a passing sheep. From the sheep's stomach, the fluke works its way home--to the liver.

Bonus: Write **one** sentence using **all three** of these words correctly: there, their, they’re.