Advanced Paragraph Correction #1

Directions: Read the passage below. Then answer questions about errors in the passage.

“To be, or not to be… that is the 1) question.” This 2) popular utterance has been the source of both mystery and wonderment for students around the world since the turn of the 16th century - arguably the zenith of Shakespeare’s creative output. The sheer ubiquity of this phrase belies 3) it’s rather 4) inexplicable import. Where did it come from? What does it mean? The 5) first of these questions (where does it come from?) can be answered fairly easily: from Shakespeare’s famous play, “Hamlet”. 6) As for the last of the two questions, a complete answer would require a more 7) deep 8) look at Shakespearean culture and nuance.

1) A. question?”
   B. question”?
   C. question.”
   D. question”.
   E. question,”
   F. Correct as is

2) A. audacious
   B. colloquial
   C. trenchant
   D. ephemeral
   E. diverse
   F. vacuous

3) A. it is
   B. its
   C. a
   D. the
   E. Correct as is

4) A. stentorian
   B. enigmatic
   C. banal
   D. scientific
   E. patient

5) A. first of these questions
   B. first interrogative
   C. first of these questions
   D. first one
   E. Correct as is

6) A. As for the former question,
   B. As for the latter question,
   C. As for the second one of the two,
   D. Correct as is

7) A. in depth
   B. deeper
   C. extended
   D. serious

8) A. probe of
   B. investigation of
   C. thought about
   D. talk about
Advanced Paragraph Correction #2

Directions: Read the passage below. Then answer questions about errors in the passage.

My step mother is the 1) **genealogist** of the family. She maintains records of births, deaths, marriages, and divorces. She takes the job 2) **real serious**. She sends missives to the family 3) **whenever** something noteworthy occurs. We recently had a bulletin about 4) **the demise of the relative** during the Civil War – which transpired a century–and–a–half ago. This ancestor apparently bequeathed his 5) **old earthly possessions** (some beautiful antique furniture) to his progeny, who in turn bequeathed their goods to their progeny. My husband’s great grandfather 6) **his mother’s father** has recently inherited some of this 7) **beautiful antique furniture**. My husband wonders if he will be inclined to adopt an inclination to pass heirlooms onto his progeny. 8) **If yes,** we may inherit some new furniture, and my step mother will have even more to keep track of!

1) A. genealogist  
   B. jeneologist  
   C. genealegist  
   D. Correct as is

2) A. very serious.  
   B. real seriously.  
   C. really serious.  
   D. very seriously.  
   E. Correct as is

3) A. whether  
   B. whenever  
   C. whatever  
   D. Both A and C are correct  
   E. Both A and B are correct

4) A. a demise of the relative  
   B. the demise of a relative  
   C. a relative’s demise  
   D. Both B and C are correct  
   E. Both A and B are correct

5) A. artifacts  
   B. heirlooms  
   C. culture  
   D. personal things  
   E. materials

6) A. - his mother’s father’s father -  
   B. - the father of his father’s father -  
   C. - the mother of his father’s father -  
   D. Both A and B could be correct  
   E. Both A and B could be correct

7) A. pedestrian  
   B. dynamic  
   C. deleterious  
   D. antiquated  
   E. exquisite

8) A. If so,  
   B. If not,  
   C. This way,  
   D. If true,  
   E. Correct as is
Edward Murphy was a member of an Air Force team which performed complicated experiments during the 1940s his work required much preparation and perfect execution. Murphy has become renowned for “Murphy’s Law,” which states that “if anything can go wrong it will.” This somewhat funny observation has spawned a plethora of corollaries, such as Hofstadter’s Law: “It always takes longer than you expect, even when you take Hofstadter’s Law into account.” These smart comments on the perceived perversity of daily life have been published in several books. Some of the volumes are general in scope; some pertain to technical careers in aerospace or professional areas such as medicine or law.

1)  A. 1940’s, his  
B. 1940s. His  
C. 1940s! His  
D. 1940’s – his  
E. Correct as is

2)  A. “Murphy’s Law,”  
B. Murphy’s Law,”  
C. “Murphy’s Law”,  
D. “Murphy’s Law,”  
E. Correct as is

3)  A. wrong, it will”.  
B. wrong it, will.”  
C. wrong, it will.  
D. wrong it will,”  
E. Correct as is

4)  A. hilarious  
B. lofty  
C. banal  
D. comical  
E. laughable  
F. tenuous

5)  A. corollaries  
B. corolaries  
C. corollarries  
D. corroleries  
E. Correct as is

6)  A. witty musings  
B. complex phrases  
C. detrimental utterances  
D. clever proverbs  
E. sophisticated sayings  
F. harmless annotations

7)  A. several books - some  
B. several books: some  
C. several books, some  
D. several books; some  
E. Correct as is

8)  A. scope some  
B. scope. Some  
C. scope, and some  
D. scope, while others  
E. Correct as is
Advanced Paragraph Correction #4

Directions: Read the passage below. Then answer questions about errors in the passage.

The Arctic fox is 1) **comparable** in size to the domestic cat. It inhabits the so–called 2) **kingdom of the polar bear** the surprisingly area midway between Norway and the North Pole. This canine predator 3) **changes** to extreme weather conditions. During the winter months, 4) **it's white coat** is ideal camouflage in these rough northern climates. The Arctic fox can roam all winter without 5) **hibernating** its fur is the thickest of all Arctic mammals. Its insulation 6) **permits it to grow even though** winter temperatures normally fall to –50 degrees Celsius. When nutrition becomes scarce, the Arctic fox may follow polar bears as they pursue seals on the 7) **perilous** sea ice. This strategy is 8) **hazardous not only** because of the possibility of falling into freezing water, but also because polar bears will consume Arctic foxes if they can catch them.

1) A. comparable  
   B. compareable  
   C. comparrable  
   D. comparable  
   E. Correct as is

5) A. hibernating,  
   B. hibernating.  
   C. hibernating;  
   D. hibernating:  
   E. Correct as is

2) A. kingdom of the polar bear,  
   B. “kingdom of the polar bear”,  
   C. “kingdom of the polar bear,”  
   D. “kingdom of the polar bear,”  
   E. Correct as is

6) A. allows it to move even when  
   B. enables it to survive, even though  
   C. sets it at a disadvantage, even where  
   D. permits it to flourish, however  
   E. authorizes it to maintain, although  
   F. Correct as is

3) A. adjusts  
   B. alters  
   C. flexes  
   D. adapts  
   E. suits  
   F. applies

7) A. uninhabitable  
   B. risky  
   C. heavy  
   D. cautious  
   E. level  
   F. Correct as is

4) A. a white coat  
   B. its white coat  
   C. it’s coat  
   D. the white coat  
   E. Correct as is

8) A. hazardous. Not only because of  
   B. hazardous, not only due to  
   C. hazardous. Not just because of  
   D. hazardous, not simply as a result of
Advanced Paragraph Correction #5

Directions: Read the passage below. Then answer questions about errors in the passage.

Students and townspeople 1) [freshly](https://www.englishforeveryone.org/answer/) flocked to hear returning 2) professor, Dr. Willis give a speech. Dr. Willis, a benevolent and 3) [compasionate](https://www.englishforeveryone.org/answer/) advocate for the poor, spoke Sunday to the congregation at the First Avenue Church. He was expected to be greeted by a full house at the Exeter Theater Monday evening. The 4) [youthful](https://www.englishforeveryone.org/answer/) 5) professor at age 92 exhorts his listeners to show empathy for citizens mired in poverty and joblessness. Haunted by personal memories of the Great Depression, he abjures opulence and 6) [urges](https://www.englishforeveryone.org/answer/) frugal behavior. He encourages 7) engaging in heavy food and drink, and attributes his own 8) [decrepitude](https://www.englishforeveryone.org/answer/) to diligent work and a prudent life style.

1)  
A. just now  
B. a moment ago  
C. recently  
D. newly  
E. Correct as is

2)  
A. professor, Dr. Willis,  
B. professor Dr. Willis  
C. professor Dr., Willis  
D. Correct as is

3)  
A. compassionate  
B. compactionate  
C. compasionate  
D. compacionate  
E. compashionate  
F. Correct as is

4)  
A. laudatory  
B. old  
C. archaic  
D. supercilious  
E. bombastic  
F. venerable

5)  
A. professor, at age 92  
B. professor at age 92,  
C. professor: at age 92  
D. professor – at age 92 –  
E. professor, currently 92,  
F. Correct as is

6)  
A. disdains parsimony.  
B. extols mendaciousness.  
C. urges prodigal behavior.  
D. eschews spendthrifts.  
E. Both B and C are correct.  
F. Correct as is

7)  
A. abstinence from  
B. acceptance of  
C. the consumption of  
D. indulgence in  
E. Correct as is

8)  
A. senility  
B. passion  
C. magnificence  
D. longevity  
E. affability  
F. pompousness
Advanced Paragraph Correction #6

Directions: Read the passage below. Then answer questions about errors in the passage.

Jerry was recently apprised of an upcoming test in statistics which is a required portion of his 1) Ph.D. curriculum although learning of the upcoming test, Jerry has acted 2) passionate and uninterested in social activities. This behavior is an aberration for 3) him he is normally quite gregarious and ebullient. 4) All his friends concur that his recent behavior has some 5) correlation with the exam. Everybody has tried to evoke some of his normal 6) despair, to no avail. His behavior is very disconcerting. 7) They seem that efforts to bring out his usual exuberance only exacerbate his malaise. I believe the only antidote to 8) Jerry’s uncharacteristic behavior to be unmitigated success on his statistics exam.

1) A. curriculum. While B. curriculum. Rather than C. curriculum. Since D. curriculum. Before E. curriculum. However F. Correct as is

2) A. aloof B. abandoned C. dissociated D. disinterested E. disparate F. Correct as is

3) A. him he B. him: he C. him; he D. him - he E. Correct as is

4) A. His friends B. His friends all C. All of his friends D. All of the above are correct E. Both A and B are correct F. Both A and C are correct

5) A. corelacion B. correlasion C. correllation D. corellasion E. Correct as is

6) A. conviviality B. negligence C. austerity D. diffidence E. ostentation F. Correct as is

7) A. Our efforts, they seem B. It seems that efforts C. It seems that efforts only D. It seems the only efforts E. Seemingly the efforts F. Correct as is

8) A. Jerries B. Jerry’s C. Jerrys’ D. Correct as is
Advanced Paragraph Correction #7

Directions: Read the passage below. Then answer questions about errors in the passage.

The view of star formation offered by the Spitzer Space Telescope is one of 1) disruption through the lens it can been seen that the creation of a star disrupts nearby space. The Spitzer Space 2) Telescope launched in 2003 contradicts the commonly–held 3) thinking that mellifluous gas clouds gracefully 4) provide the creation of new stars. Early models of star 5) making concentrated on the evolution of isolated stars, whereas recent models have recognized that stars 6) interact with the other in their stellar neighborhood. The relative 7) low count of the stars 8) were attributed to the turbulence that these processes bring to the heavens.

1) A. disruption. B. disruption: C. disruption, D. disruption - E. Correct as is

2) A. Telescope, launched in 2003 B. Telescope launched in 2003, C. Telescope, launched in 2003, D. All of the above are correct E. Both A and C are correct F. Both A and B are correct

3) A. belief B. idea C. thought D. plan E. pact F. secret

4) A. assist in B. help on C. manage D. supply E. hinder F. mollify

5) A. beginning B. life C. history D. formation E. adaptation F. gazing

6) A. interact with one other B. interact with one another C. interact with each other D. All of the above are correct E. Both A and C are correct F. Both A and B are correct

7) A. paucity B. abundance C. plethora D. discrepancy E. few F. finality

8) A. can to be attributed B. are being attributed C. can be attributed D. able to attributed E. Correct as is
The atom is the basic building block of matter. One interesting aspect of the atom is its spatial composition. 1) Surprisingly, it is largely built from empty space its nucleus made of protons and neutrons, 3) makes up only about a billionth of the atom itself. Another surprising aspect of the atom is its structure. 4) Because most of us maintain a mental model of the atom’s nucleus being orbited by discrete electrons, the reality is way different than that traditional depiction. Scientists now prefer to describe the movement of electrons around the nucleus as a so-called “wave–pattern cloud. 7) In addition, the placement of electrons within the cloud is described as one probability among many, 8) instead than planet–like objects orbiting a sun–like nucleus.

1) A. made from
B. composed of
C. designed of
D. been calculated by
E. a product of
D. Correct as is

2) A. space, it’s nucleus
B. space, it’s nucleus
C. space - it’s nucleus
D. space - its nucleus,
E. space: its nucleus,
F. Correct as is

3) A. creates
B. comprises
C. establishes
D. produces
E. constructs
F. fashions

4) A. However
B. Instead
C. Although
D. Conversely
E. Even if
E. Correct as is

5) A. reality much more sophisticated than
B. reality is not nearly as close to
C. reality differs considerably from
D. actuality is not so simple as
E. fact is not as clear as
F. Correct as is

6) A. “wave–pattern cloud”.
B. “wave–pattern cloud.”
C. wave–pattern cloud?”
D. “wave–pattern cloud,”
E. “wave–pattern cloud!”
F. Correct as is

7) A. is now being described
B. is now a figure
C. now is described
D. describes
E. Correct as is

8) A. rather than
B. notwithstanding
C. instead of
D. however
E. Both A and B are correct
F. Both A and C are correct
Advanced Paragraph Correction #9

Directions: Read the passage below. Then answer questions about errors in the passage.

Urban planners in 16th century Shibam, Yemen created a walled city, now known as 1) Manhattan of the desert. Their city 2) is composed of 500 buildings, ranging from five to eight stories in 3) height. Structures which were erected by wealthy families during the Middle Ages in 4) Ireland; Scotland; France; Spain; and Greece also reached heights of several stories. These buildings are thought 5) to be constructed upwards in order to 6) run off marauders. Today’s urban planners anticipate a 7) mile–high skyscraper to be constructed in the near future; a U.K. engineering company is reportedly in the process 8) to design such an immense tower now.

1) A. “Manhattan of the desert”. B. “Manhattan of the desert.” C. The Manhattan of the desert. D. Manhattan of the desert. E. Correct as is

2) A. was B. were C. will be D. is going to be E. has been F. Correct as is

3) A. hieght B. width C. length D. Correct as is

4) A. Ireland, Scotland, France, Spain, and Greece B. Ireland, Scotland, France, Spain and Greece C. Ireland; Scotland; France; Spain; and Greece D. Both A and B are correct E. Both B and C are correct

5) A. to have constructed B. to had been constructed C. to have been constructed D. to has been constructed E. Correct as is

6) A. thwart B. mollify C. trick D. enrage E. engage F. defend

7) A. mile–high skyscraper B. mile of high skyscraper C. skyscraper of a mile high D. mile high-skyscraper

8) A. to design B. of designing C. to designing D. about designing E. Correct as is
Advanced Paragraph Correction #10

Directions: Read the passage below. Then answer questions about errors in the passage.

Almost two 1) **centuries** after being 3) **buried** by falling ash from a two–day volcanic eruption, Pompeii reveals fascinating details about 3) **day to day life** in the Roman Empire. 4) **Pompeii’s population roughly 20,000 inhabitants** practiced several religions. This is evidenced by temples dedicated to the Egyptian goddess Isis, as well as the 5) **presence** of Jews and worshipers of Cybele (called the “Great Mother” by her followers). Pompeii’s citizenry practiced all of these religions in apparent peaceful coexistence with followers of the state religion, 6) **but** worshipped the planet Jupiter and the Roman 7) **emperor they** led astonishingly long lives, assisted by doctors and dentists, and 8) **to my surprise, very well educated.**

1) A. centuries  
B. decades  
C. millennia  
D. lifetimes  
E. Correct as is

2) A. buryed  
B. baryed  
C. buried  
D. buryied  
E. beried  
F. Correct as is

3) A. day–to–day life  
B. day today life  
C. daily life  
D. Correct as is  
E. Both A and B are correct  
F. Both A and C are correct

4) A. Pompeii’s population, roughly 20,000 inhabitants  
B. Pompeii’s population roughly 20,000 inhabitants,  
C. Pompeis’ population, roughly 20,000 inhabitants,  
D. Correct as is

5) A. present  
B. presents  
C. presence  
D. precence  
E. Correct as is

6) A. which  
B. what  
C. and  
D. who  
E. so  
F. Correct as is

7) A. emperor. They  
B. emperor; they  
C. emperor - they  
D. emperor, they  
F. Correct as is

8) A. were surprisingly well  
B. were really well  
C. to our surprise, very well  
D. to everyone’s surprise, very well  
E. were super  
F. Correct as is
# Advanced Paragraph Correction Answer Key

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