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Material WR / No: 1

WRITING EXERCISES

A) Unscramble the words to make sentences.

1. are / Tom and Ann / Our names / .

2. from Chicago, Illinois / are / We / .

3. a beautiful city / in the USA / Chicago / is / .

4. study / engineering / We / at college / .

5. live / We / in a nice flat / with our parents / .

6. like / We / swimming / and / listening to music / .

7. very much / like / our life / We / .

B) Identify each group of words as a Fragment (F) or a Sentence (S). Then add the missing part of the sentence to the fragments to make them complete sentences.

1. ____ Sally a student at Purdue University.

2. ____ My best friend is from Canada.

3. ____ Sushi a dish made from raw fish.

4. ____ My father an engineer in an international company.

5. ____ Harry and Sally live in a nice flat.

6. ____ Is a professor at Kensington University.

7. ____ My cousin likes classical music.

8. ____ Hummus a traditional dish in Lebanon.

9. ____ Boys football after school.

10. ____ My parents doctors at John Hopkins Hospital.

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13. ____ The English often drink tea.

14. ____ 4th July an important day for American people.

15. ____ Pasta is an easy dish to prepare.

16. ____ Karen always late for classes.

17. ____ My friend John an interesting job.



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18. ____ July the hottest month of the year in Turkey.
19. ____ Brazil is a large country in South America.
20. ____ My brother a part-time job at the local supermarket.

C) Rewrite the questions using correct capitalization and end punctuation.

1. what is your name

2. where are you from

3. what languages can you speak

4. can you speak english

5. do you like william shakespeare

6. what is your favorite play by shakespeare

7. do you like macbeth

8. what do you think of hamlet

9. what food do you like to eat

10. do you like eating italian food

D) Correct the paragraph. There are 10 mistakes.

3 capitalization mistakes 1 missing subject 2 punctuation mistakes 4 missing verbs

The Louvre

For many reasons, the louvre is a fascinating place to visit. Firstly, is the largest art museum of the world. It about 38.000 objects from prehistoric times to the 21st century, and there are 8 departments in the museum. It is also home to *The Mona Lisa*, the famous work of art by Da Vinci? Lots of people interested in *The Mona lisa*, and they visit the Louvre to see it. Secondly, the Louvre a central landmark of the city. When people visit paris, they want to see the Louvre because it a popular tourist attraction. There is a palace and a pyramid, and they all look beautiful. Lastly, there are many different things to do in the Louvre. You can go shopping at its shopping mall, have a look at Apple Store, or eat at restaurants. All things considered, the Louvre is definitely worth a visit



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E) Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph below.

Aunt Daisy

Firstly, she is kind and polite to everyone. She greets people even on the street. She may be in a bad mood, but she is never rude or aggressive to the people around her. Secondly, she is very helpful. She is an English teacher and always helps me with my homework. I sometimes ask her a lot of questions, and she listens to me patiently and then helps me. Finally, she is really fun. I cannot forget our trip to Rio de Janeiro. She and I went into a dozen of cafes, met many local people and made friends with them. We also went to clubs and bars and danced all night long. You don't expect to hang out with your aunt on holiday, but I have a lot of fun and nice memories with her. All in all, I love Aunt Daisy more than anyone else in the family.

- a) Some people get on well with their aunt, but I don't.
- b) My favorite family member is Aunt Daisy for some reasons.
- c) Aunt Daisy came to visit us last weekend.

F) Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph below.

Okinawa

The natural beauty of the island is the first thing you notice. The beaches are fantastic with soft white sand, and the sea is deep blue. If you want to swim and sunbathe, you can go to Emerald Beach as it is one of the most beautiful beaches on the island. Tasty food might be another reason to visit Okinawa. There are many fine restaurants on the island, and the food is really fresh. You can try Okinawan dishes such as "soba", or you can have other dishes made of seafood. Finally, there are many places to see in Okinawa. Popular tourist attractions of the island are Churaumi Aquarium, Pineapple Park, the Orion Beer Factory and Hiji Falls. With its natural beauty, delicious dishes and amazing sights, Okinawa is definitely worth a visit.

- a) The food is great in Okinawa.
- b) The sea life of Okinawa is very interesting.
- c) Okinawa is a nice place to take a vacation.



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G) Choose the best concluding sentence for the paragraph below.

Canada

Canada is one of the best countries in the world to live in. First, Canada has an excellent health care system. All Canadians have access to medical services at a reasonable price. Second, Canada has a high standard of education. Students are taught by well-trained teachers and are encouraged to continue studying at university. Finally, Canada's cities are clean and efficiently managed. Canadian cities have many parks and lots of space for people to live.

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- a) As a result, Canada is a desirable place to live.
b) There are many tourist sights in Canada, too.
c) Living in Canada is also easy for immigrants.

H) Choose the best concluding sentence for the paragraph below.

How to Choose a Friend

As friends may affect us in a negative or positive way, we should be selective in choosing friends. First, we can observe their behaviors. We should have similar characters so that we can get along. Second, the types of activities they prefer can give us a clue. If we are active and like travelling, we want to meet people who can travel and do activities with us. Finally, educational background should be compatible as well. Some people may not agree with me, but I think a well-educated person and a less educated person may not be able to get on well for a long time.

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- a) All in all, we can go to college and make friends easily.
b) In short, to be good friends, behaviors, types of activities and educational background of friends must be similar.
c) In addition, we can also call our old friends and arrange a meeting with them.

I) In the paragraph below, find the sentence that does not belong. (unrelated sentence)

A Great Ruler

Alexander the Great was a successful ruler because his actions had long-lasting effects on many cultures. One example is the creation of a Hellenistic society. Hellenism was the combination of Greek, Persian and Egyptian cultures. During this remarkable time, more people got a formal education and produced many different kinds of art. New forms of math, science and design made a great impact on society. With the ideas of the Sophists and Epicureans in his time, western philosophical tradition began and it later became part of our cultural heritage. We also know that Alexander the Great married three times. Because he conquered many countries and blended together many different cultures, Alexander the Great is still famous for his achievements and people think he is one of the greatest rulers in history.



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Piranhas

Although most people consider piranhas to be quite dangerous, they are actually harmless. Piranhas rarely feed on large animals, they usually eat smaller fish and aquatic plants. When piranhas see humans, their instinct is to go away, not to attack. However, there are two situations in which piranhas can bite. First, when you take a frightened piranha out of water, it can bite you. For example, if a fisherman catches a piranha in a fishing net and then takes it, it can bite him. You can keep some kinds of piranhas even in an aquarium. Second, when the water level in piranha pools is too low, it can bite you. A large number of piranhas may be in a single pool, and if they are hungry, they may attack anything that enters the water. Shortly, despite their bad reputation, piranhas rarely attack people.

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10. Do you like Italian food?



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