

Language and Conventions

Exam Review Key

Pronoun & Antecedent Agreement

For specific rules, see pages 35-36 in your writing resource packet.

1. Neither, her
2. Anybody, his
3. Each, his
4. Neither, his
5. Anyone, he
6. Team, its
7. Either, his
8. Everyone, his
9. Politics, it
10. Everyone, his
11. Some, their
12. Every, her
13. I, my
14. Some, its
15. Everybody, his
16. Someone, his
17. One, his
18. Each, his
19. Anyone, her
20. Nobody, his

Using Apostrophes

For specific rules, see pages 39-40 in your writing resource packet.

1. I'm not going out yet.
2. Have you corrected Susan's homework yet?
3. My store specializes in men's clothing.
4. Jack's store carries only boy's clothes.
5. The three students began their entertainment business as freshmen.
6. My brother-in-law's job is with the county clerk's office.
7. Japan's secret pact with Germany offset France and England's agreement.
8. Watch your P's and Q's at Grandma's house.
9. Jeffrey opened his suitcase.
10. It's later than you think.
11. The player's equipment was already on the soccer field.
12. John's condition results entirely from neglect.
13. Sam is going on a week's vacation.
14. His friends stared at his silk hat.

Run-ons & comma splices:

For specific rules, see pages 37-38 in your writing resource packet.

Several possible answers are included here.

1. Many North American cars cost less than foreign cars, but foreign cars get better mileage.
Many North American cars cost less than foreign cars; however, foreign cars get better mileage.
Although many North American cars cost less than foreign cars, foreign cars get better mileage.
Many North American cars cost less than foreign cars. Foreign cars get better mileage.
2. Traffic jams in major cities have gotten out of hand, so car pool should be made mandatory.
Traffic jams in major cities have gotten out of hand; car pools should be made mandatory.
Because traffic jams in major cities have gotten out of hand, car pools should be made mandatory.
Traffic jams in major cities have gotten out of hand. Car pools should be made mandatory.
3. Three-dimensional television movies have recently become popular, and 3-D glasses can be purchased at most convenience stores.
Three-dimensional television movies have recently become popular; 3-D glasses can be purchased at most convenience stores.
Because three-dimensional television movies have recently become popular, 3-D glasses can be purchased at most convenience stores.
Three-dimensional television movies have recently become popular. 3-D glasses can be purchased at most convenience stores.
4. The restaurant looks tacky to me, for all the tablecloths are made of plastic.
The restaurant looks tacky to me; all the tablecloths are made of plastic.
The restaurant looks tacky to me because all the tablecloths are made of plastic.
The restaurant looks tacky to me. All the tablecloths are made of plastic.
5. We've spent all our money, so we won't be dining out tonight.
We've spent all our money; therefore, we won't be dining out tonight. Because we've spent all our money, we won't be dining out tonight. We've spent all our money. We won't be dining out tonight.
6. The abacus is an ancient computation device, but in skilful hands, it can calculate sums as quickly as most modern gadgets.
The abacus is an ancient computation device; however, in skilful hands, it can calculate sums as quickly as most modern gadgets.
Although the abacus is an ancient computation device, in skilful hands it can calculate sums as quickly as most modern gadgets.
The abacus is a modern computation device. In skilful hands it can calculate sums as quickly as most modern gadgets.
7. The woman's skills are perfect for the new position, so we intend to promote her.
The woman's skills are perfect for the new position; therefore, we intend to promote her.
Because the woman's skills are perfect for the new position, we intend to promote her.
The woman's skills are perfect for the new position. We intend to promote her.
8. The team lost seven games in a row, and the coach was fired as a consequence.
The team lost seven games in a row; consequently, the coach was fired.
Because the team lost seven games in a row, the coach was fired.
The team lost seven games in a row. The coach was fired as a consequence.
9. Here is the chief administrator, and he will solve our problems.
Here is the chief administrator; he will solve our problems.
Here is the chief administrator who will solve our problems.
Here is the chief administrator. He will solve our problems.
10. He phoned his fiancée repeatedly, but she refused to return his calls.
He phoned his fiancée repeatedly; she refused to return his calls.
Although he phoned his fiancée repeatedly, she refused to return his calls.
He phoned his fiancée repeatedly. She refused to return his calls.
11. I have good ideas, yet I can't put them into a sentence.
I have good ideas; however, I can't put them into a sentence.
Although I have good ideas, I can't put them into a sentence.
I have good ideas. I can't put them into a sentence.
12. The elephant quit the circus, for he was tired of working for peanuts.
The elephant quit the circus; he was tired of working for peanuts.
The elephant quit the circus because he was tired of working for peanuts.
The elephant quit the circus. He was tired of working for peanuts.

Active & passive voice 1:

For specific rules, see pages 31-32 in your writing resource packet.

1. A
2. P
3. P
4. A

Active & passive voice 2:

1. The hummingbirds relished the sugar water
2. Many people jog for exercise.
3. The audience gave the guitar player a standing ovation.
4. The professor handed out the syllabus.

Active & passive voice 3:

My life has **been changed**¹ by many different things. I remember when I learned that there was no Tooth Fairy. I **was told**² by my friend Clive to wait up for the Tooth Fairy, and I did, but the Tooth Fairy never came. Instead, I saw my mom, tired and frazzled, slink into my room and slip a dollar under my pillow. My faith **was shaken**³. There was no Tooth Fairy. I also remember when my younger brother unmade the bed after I had made it up. I got so mad at him that he **was picked up**⁴ by the collar of his Spider-Man pajamas and **pushed**⁴ across the room by me. The nightstand **was hit**⁵ by his head, and his red and blue Spidey p.j.s **were stained**⁶ a darker red by his blood. I was so sorry. I **was taught**⁷ to control my anger by this event, and I **was** also **reminded**⁸ how much I loved my little brother.

There are many more events that changed my life, but my life **was** most **changed**⁹ by my little stuffed bunny, Flopsy. Flopsy **was given**¹⁰ to me on Easter by my parents. He was pink and had funny, floppy ears and a cute white cottontail. Of all his parts, his fluffy tail **was loved**¹¹ most by me. He **was carried**¹² wherever I went. He **was taken**¹³ to breakfast, on the bus, to school, to the playground, to dinner, and to bed. He **was taken**¹⁴ everywhere. He was a well-loved little bunny, and he **was loved**¹⁵ most by me.

1. Many things have changed my life.
2. My friend Clive told me to wait up for the Tooth Fairy.
3. Seeing my mom instead of the Tooth Fairy shook my faith.
4. I picked him up by the collar and pushed him across the room.
5. His head hit the nightstand.
6. His blood stained his p.j.s.
7. This event taught me to control my anger.
8. It also reminded me how much I love my little brother.
9. My little stuffed bunny, Flopsy, changed my life the most.
10. My parents gave Flopsy to me on Easter.
11. I loved his fluffy tail most.
12. I carried him wherever I went.
13. I took him to breakfast, on the bus, to school...
14. I took him everywhere.
15. I loved him the most.