

1. In the following sentence, which is the dependent clause?  
The World War II soldier is a hero, especially because he acted bravely during the invasion.
  - a. The World War II soldier
  - b. is a hero
  - c. especially because he acted bravely during the invasion.
  - d. the invasion.
  
2. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?
  - a. The nervous student tapped his foot impatiently under his desk.
  - b. The nervous student did tap his foot with impatience under his desk.
  - c. The nervous student tapped his foot impatient under his desk.
  - d. The nervous student impatient did tap his foot under the desk.
  
3. Which word is grammatically correct in the sentence?  
The little girl wanted \_\_\_\_\_ to read a story to her.
  - a. he
  - b. his
  - c. him
  - d. himself
  
4. Select the word or phrase that correctly identifies the meaning of the underlined word:  
Progeny is a term to describe a person's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Creditors
  - b. Offspring
  - c. Hereditary disease
  - d. Health status
  
5. What is the best definition for the word laceration?
  - a. The means by which nursing mothers produce milk for their babies
  - b. Deep, ragged tear
  - c. A medical term used to describe the removal of the tear ducts
  - d. An intolerance of dairy products
  
6. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence:  
Endogenous factors were responsible for his illness.
  - a. Produced within the body
  - b. Produced outside of the body
  - c. Polluting
  - d. Haemostatic

7. In his movies, John Wayne always (a. know b. knows) when the outlaws are about to attack.
8. On his website, Carlos (a. offer b. offers) cell phone accessories at discounted prices.
9. I think that either (a. was b. were) acceptable as a substitute.
10. She wishes that she (a. could of b. could have) driven the car.
11. The school's staff (a. doesn't b. don't) all subscribe to the council's philosophy.
12. Not everyone on the school's staff (a. subscribes b. subscribe) to the council's philosophy.

## ANSWERS &amp; ARGUMENTS

- 1.c  
The dependent clause begins with a subordinating conjunction: because. The independent clause (the other one in this sentence) can stand on its own; the dependent clause cannot. A clause contains both a subject, and a verb.
- 2.a
- a. Grammatically correct.
  - b. Grammatically correct, but in its use of the word *did*, emphatic. Question does not ask for the emphatic; the speaker may not intend emphasis, in which case the sentence contains a superfluous word. Also, the substitution of the prepositional phrase for the adverb is a bit wordy. Give the simple, straight-forward answer.
  - c. Sentence should employ the adverb, not the adjective. The adjective within a noun phrase is almost always placed before the noun it modifies; and besides, a foot cannot be impatient.
  - d. Grammatically correct, but with a word order so out-of-the-ordinary as to be uncomfortable and even confusing. The adjective within a noun phrase is almost always placed before the noun it modifies.
- 3.c  
This is a matter of *case*. The objective case of the personal pronoun is required, not the subjective (a), nor the possessive (b). The reflexive form *himself* is not required.
4. b  
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- 5.b  
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- 6.a  
Use knowledge of prefixes and roots to determine the answer.
- 7.b  
The subject of the verb is in the third-person singular. The third-person singular form of the verb is required.
- 8.b  
See no. 7.
- 9.a  
*Either* is the subject of the verb and is third-person singular. The third-person singular form of the verb is required.
- 10.b  
Forms of *have* are often used with the past participle of the verb to form certain verb tenses. *Have* is here an auxiliary verb; *of* is a preposition.
- 11.b  
The presence of the word *all* with the negative indicates that the members of the staff are being referred to as individuals who may not agree. There are several individuals, so the verb ought to be plural.
- 12.a  
*Everyone* is third-person singular. The verb ought to be third-person singular.