

SENTENCE CORRECTION – 2

Pronouns

1. E

The subject is 'produce' – this requires the singular pronoun 'it' – so options A (they), B (them), C (them) and D (they) are all incorrect.

2. C

'if' is a conditional statement and is incorrectly used in options D and E. The pronoun 'their' could refer to tourists or elephants in options A and B. So, C is correct because it replaces the pronoun their with the noun animals

3. B.

'Radioactive elements' is the subject here and requires a plural pronoun 'their' – so A, C and E are out. 'in which' is used to describe situations/actions/events/processes whereas 'where' is used for places. Here, the process is nuclear fission ☐ 'in which'. So, D is incorrect.

4. D.

'European Standard Bank' requires a singular pronoun 'it' and not 'they' – so B is incorrect. Payments are 'made' and not 'paid' – so A and E are incorrect. 'Payments' is plural and cannot have a singular pronoun 'it' – so C is incorrect. A also has a tense error 'they will be' – the present tense is sufficient.

5. C.

'Catharanthus roseus' is now called 'Madagascar periwinkle' – this intended meaning is clearly expressed only in choice C. Choice A seems to imply that the Lingalas are called Nadagascar periwinkle – this is both illogical and has a subject-verb error. In B and D, the use of 'they' is incorrect 'they' refers to Lingalas, but the plant is called by its new name, not just by the Lingalas, but in other parts of the world such as Western India and South Asia. In E, 'which it is' is incorrect – 'it' is unnecessary here

6. C.

In A and D, 'a rise' needs the singular verb 'makes' and not 'make'. In B, 'rising interest rates' needs a plural verb 'make'. Also, the pronoun 'them' has an ambiguous antecedent – it could refer to 'interest rates' as well as 'luxury products'. This is the same case with E. D does not make it clear that luxury products are being brought on credit.



CHALLENGER QUESTION

7. C

Option A is a sentence fragment – here, 'extracting' is a participle and not a verb. A main verb is necessary for this sentence to be complete. The pronoun 'it' refers to 'synthetic metabolic enzyme' – but a synthetic enzyme cannot be removed from human cadavers (an organic/natural entity) – so A, B, and D are wrong. In E, the 'it' refers to the 'metabolic enzyme', which is not in agreement.

Modifiers – 1

1. D

In options A, B, C and E, the modifier at the beginning of the clause modifies the possessive form "Frances Perkins' considerable influence". Only D correctly modifies Frances Perkins.

2. D

The modifier "while digging in the Libyan desert" has to modify the doer of the action which is palaeontologists. Options D and E are the only options to be considered. Option E makes it sound as if the bones themselves were the dinosaur. The correct meaning is that the bones are from the dinosaur, as in D

3. C

Options A, B and E seem to imply that historians ascertained the cooking method 6000 years ago. This is incorrect. In D, the modifier "as historians... it" is incorrectly placed – the 'it' also has no logical antecedent.

4. E

Options A and B have a dangling modifier – no mention of who is using the helical CT machine. C twists the meaning around – the Doppler device is used to detect the tumors; this is not clearly brought out in C. D is awkwardly worded – “malignant tumors can be detected by a physician using a helical CT machine” is more appropriate.

5. C

A seems to imply incorrectly that Spaniards arrived on Columbus Day 1988. The phrase ‘launched on Columbus Day 1988’ should modify Project NCCS, not ‘\$75 million investment’ – so B is incorrect. In D, the phrase ‘announcing a \$75 million investment...’ should modify Project NCCS and not the ‘initiation of Project NCCS’. D is also a sentence fragment. In E, the phrase ‘announcing a \$75 million investment...’ should modify Project NCCS and not the ‘launch of Project NCCS’. E also seems to imply that the Spaniards arrived on Columbus Day 1988. Logically, the project is first launched, and only then can it make any investment announcements – so the order of events is incorrect in D and E

6. A

The subject of the sentence is Five Fledgling sea eagles. This is plural. Hence Option B can be eliminated due to SVA and Options C and D can be eliminated due to the ambiguous pronoun. Option E changes the intended meaning of the sentence.

7. E

There was no fear of other countries themselves. Eliminate A and B. Options C and D sound as if the Swiss govt. recommended something with fears. This is illogical. Hence E. Note that the modifier “raising fears that.....” rightly modifies the entire preceding clause

8. B

In this question ‘a trend that will...’ is an absolute modifier. Options C and E are incorrect because they improperly use ‘which’ – it refers to the immediately preceding noun, ‘men’ and ‘fall’ respectively, and not the entire preceding clause. Options A and D are incorrect because the use of ‘placing’ indicates that men are already being placed in flagship positions in catering and restaurant management. This isn’t the intended meaning. thus, B is the correct answer.



CHALLENGER QUESTION

9. B

In A, the 'and' is not required – we are talking about a single connected idea. C has a tense issue – 'had been earning' is not required. The use of present continuous tense is also misleading – makes it sound as though the event is happening now. We need a 'that' to complete the structure 'noted as an example... that X' – this is a problem in both A and E. Option D uses 'and' to separate the two clauses, whereas the two ideas are actually connected. So, 'and' is not appropriate. The focus also shifts subtly – in B, the focus is on Schmit's observation about the elephant's earning, whereas in D, the focus is on the elephant itself.