**English III – Blizzard Bag #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1.** The fashion company’s president, and CEO Ruby Stevens, just announced a new line of customizable designer jeans that can be purchased on the company’s website.

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) president, and CEO, Ruby Stevens, |
| C) president and CEO, Ruby Stevens, |
| D) president, and CEO Ruby Stevens |

**2.** While Indian and Italian foods are an unusual combination, five-star chef Robert Portillo has earned praise for his creative dishes that merge the two cuisines.

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) combination five-star chef, Robert Portillo |
| C) combination, five-star chef, Robert Portillo |
| D) combination, five-star chef Robert Portillo, |

**3.** While soccer and tennis  are a strange combination, world-renowned coach Dennis Kurcheen has proven that you can successfully train athletes for both sports with many similar training techniques.

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) combination world-renowned coach, Dennis Kurcheen |
| C) combination, world-renowned coach, Dennis Kurcheen |
| D) combination, world-renowned coach Dennis Kurcheen, |

**4.** At the end of May, my family started planning our traditional summer vacation. One day, my parents told us that we were going somewhere we hadn’t been before. My brother and I listened carefully for the place we’d be going.

Given that all of the following are true, which choice most clearly indicates a high level of anticipation and excitement experienced by the narrator and his brother?

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) We knew it was probably somewhere in the western US, where our parents had grown up. |
| C) We hoped it would be somewhere with beaches. |
| D) With baited breath, my brother and I anxiously awaited the name of the destination. |

**5.** In a typical physics experiment, trials must be repeated to ensure the accuracy and precision of results. During each trial, the scientists must be sure to run the experiment in exactly the same way. If the experimenters don’t pay close attention to every detail, they might be committing errors that could produce misleading results.

Given that all the choices are true, which statement most directly indicates the high probability of obtaining inaccurate results?

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) they may end up wanting to perform the experiments again. |
| C) it is nearly certain that the data will be flawed. |
| D) they should make sure to check their experimental setups next time. |

**6.** Whenever I go fishing, what impresses me most is the natural beauty of the lake. The majestic eagles soar overhead; the water ripples calmly; the trees sway peacefully in the cold morning breeze; I soak in the wonders of the setting.

Given that all of the following are true, which sentence best demonstrates the author’s appreciation for nature?

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) The surroundings are quite appealing and scenic; I enjoy the scenery more than anyone I know. |
| C) This lake is deeper and cleaner than any other lake in the state, which is why I fish there. |
| D) Most people think that this is the most beautiful natural setting in the area, and I would probably agree. |

**7.** My habits as a student in grade school left something to be desired: I rarely completed my homework, did poorly on my exams, and chose to take the easiest courses I could. I believe I have learned my lesson as an adult.

Given that all the choices are true, which sentence most specifically describes the contrast between the author’s habits as a student and her habits as an adult?

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) Now, years beyond my days as a student, I meet all of my deadlines, strive to do my best, and challenge myself by taking on difficult projects. |
| C) Lately, I have been considering adopting new ways to become a more efficient and dedicated worker. |
| D) I am sure I have become a much better worker than I ever was as an irresponsible student in high school. |

**8.** As the gun sounded and he dove into the water, all he could think about were the years of training that led him to this moment at the Olympic finals.  However, the biggest race of his life had just begun.

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) Though, |
| C) Consequently, |
| D) OMIT the underlined portion and start the sentence with "The" |

**9.** Stephen and his lab partner received the lowest grade in the class on their last assignment.  Looking over the mistakes that his lab partner made, Stephen thought to himself that he would have been better off doing the entire assignment by himself.

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) would of been |
| C) would had been |
| D) will be |

**10.** John’s architecture, known as modern progressive, uses audacious entryways combined with wide, open spaces to invite visitors in to his homes.

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) were using |
| C) have used |
| D) use |

**11.** Fantasia’s yoga, known as Mediterranean caliente , features a deliberately heated yoga room combined with repeated core movements.

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) were featuring |
| C) have featured |
| D) feature |

**12.** The sign was a symbol to the people from the surrounding villages that outsiders were not welcome in town. Conversely, the sign’s message resonated well beyond the territory and people from far away spoke of the town’s unfriendliness.

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) What do you know, the |
| C) On the other hand, the |
| D) The |

**13.** The mountains were a barrier for most settlers; once they crossed over these mountains, there was no going back. Conversely, the mountains were known to people all around the world as a dividing line of the continent.

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| A) NO CHANGE |
| B) What do you know, the |
| C) Onthe other hand, the |
| D) In fact, the |

**14.** In crafting a crucial strategy for how to win the match, John considered his coach’s advice carefully and tried to control his nerves.

The best placement for the underlined portion would be:

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| A) where it is now |
| B) before the word *match* |
| C) after the word *his* |
| D) before the word *nerves* |

**15.** The guitarist was elated after Saturday night’s performance of Christmas standards received critical acclaim in the local newspaper.

The best placement for the underlined portion would be:

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| A) where it is now |
| B) after the word *guitarist* |
| C) after the word *acclaim* |