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Sentence Correction 2000 to 2012

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Paper - 2000

Q: Correct the following sentences:

(a) The lake freezed rapidly. Ans: The Lake **froze** rapidly.

(b) The firm was unwilling to forego its usual commission. Ans: The firm was unwilling to **let go** its usual commission

(c) We watched the lambs gamble on the green. Ans: We watched the lambs **grazing** on the green

(d) He belonged to the gild of carpenters. Ans: He belonged to the **guild** of carpenters

(e) He hadn't ought to have spoken. Ans: He **ought not** to have spoken.

(f) Is this his half – brother? Ans: Is **he** his half – brother?

(g) Hay! Watch out for the car! Ans: **Hey!** Watch out for the car!

(h) This is **the historical** spot where he was shot dead. Ans: This is **the historic** spot where he was shot dead.

(i) We bought a Japanee print.

Ans: We bought a <u>Japanese</u> print.

(j) Fresh flowers smell sweetly. Ans: Fresh flowers smell **sweet**

Note:

- (a) Use of correct 3rd form of verb
- (e) "Ought to" loses the "to" in the negative. Instead of "ought not to," we say "ought not."
- (h) Historic means "important," "momentous," or "historically significant." Historical means "relating to the past."
- (j) Use of Adverb / Adjective



Paper - 2001

Q: Correct the following sentences.

(a) His wisdom consisted of his handling the dangerous situation successfully. Ans: His wisdom consisted of his handling the dangerous situation successfully.

(b) Many a girls were appearing in the examination. Ans: Many a girl was appearing in the examination.

(c) The vehicles run fastly on the Motorway. Ans: The vehicles run <u>fast</u> on the Motorway.

(d) Smoking is injurious for health. Ans: Smoking is injurious **to** health.

(e) He availed of this situation very intelligently.

Ans: He availed <u>himself</u> of this situation very intelligently.

(f) The black vermin is an odious creature. Ans: The black vermin **are** an odious creature.

(g) What to speak of meat, even, vegetables were not available now. Ans: Not to speak of meat, even vegetables were not available there.

(h) No sooner we left our home when it started raining. Ans: No sooner <u>did</u> we <u>leave</u> our home <u>than</u> it started raining.

(i) Little money I had I spent on the way.

Ans: <u>The Little money that I had I spent on the way.</u> <u>Or</u> I spent the little money I had on the way

(j) The criminal was sent on the goal. Ans: The criminal was sent to the gaol.

Note:

- (b) Use the singular verb with "many a" Use singular pronouns to go with the construction also: "Many a man has lost his life at sea." Burchfield describes this construction as "notionally plural" but singular in usage.
- (c) Faslty is wrong word, we can use fast as adverb as well as adjective.
- (d) use of right preposition
- (e) Verb such as "avail" immediately takes reflexive pronouns after them.
- (f) Vermin means Wild mammals and birds that are believed to be harmful to crops
- (h) Check the use of no sooner ... than



Paper - 2002

Q: Correct the following sentences:

1. I shall not come here unless you will not call me.

Ans: I shall not come here unless you call me.

2. He does not have some devotion for the project you have given him.

Ans: He does not have **any** devotion for the project you have given him.

3 I went to either of the four hill stations.

Ans: I went to **any** of four hill stations.

4. Who did you meet on your way to school?

Ans: Whom did you meet on your way to school?

5. You must remember that you are junior than Hamid.

Ans: You must remember that you are junior to Hamid.

6. Aslam, as well as, his four friends were planning to visit the museum.

Ans: Aslam, as well as, his four friends was planning to visit the museum.

7. Where you went in the vacation?

Ans: Where **did** you **go** in the vacation?

8. This is the youngest and most intelligent of my two sons.

Ans: This is the **<u>vounger</u>** and more intelligent of my two sons.

9. He is one of those who always succeed.

Ans: He is **the** one of those who always **succeeds**.

10. I congratulate you for your success.

Ans: I congratulate you on your success.

Note:

- 3. Either use for two persons or things and any used for more than two
- 4. Used instead of "who" as the object of a verb or preposition: "whom did he marry?"
- 5. Junior takes preposition to
- 6. If the first subject is singular, the verb is usually singular.
- 7. Follow simple interrogative rule.
- 8. Use of Comparative degree instead of superlative.
- 9. Use of article + use of verb as regards to singular subject.
- 10. Congratulates takes preposition on

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Paper - 2003

Q: Correct the following sentences:

(1) The hostel provides boarding and lodging to students. Ans: The hostel provides **board and lodging** to students.

(2) My cousin-brother will come to meet me. Ans: My **Half-brother** will come to meet me.

(3) He lives backside of my house. Ans: He lives backside **to** my house.

(4) You have read it. Isn't it? Ans: You have read it. Haven't you?

(5) We discussed about this question. Ans: We discussed this question.

(6) I am studying in an University for an year. Ans: I have been studying in a University for a year.

(7) Neither he nor I are at fault. Ans: Neither he nor I <u>am</u> at fault.

(8) The committee have issued a notice. Ans: The committee **has** issued a notice.

(9) One must boast of his great qualities. Ans: One must boast of <u>one's</u> great qualities.

(10) . It is one of the best speeches that has ever been made in the General Assembly. Ans: It is one of the best speeches that **have** ever been made in the General Assembly.

Note

- 1. Board and Lodging is correct word
- 3. Backside takes preposition to
- 5. Discuss when used as verb does not take any preposition.
- 6. Use of right tense and right articles.
- 7. Usage of Neither takes helping verb of last subject
- 8. The committee is a collective noun that takes singular verb.
- 9. One's should be use instead of his when we use One.
- 10. Subject verb agreement.



Paper - 2004

Q: Correct the following sentences:

(1) Passing through ten different cities, Karachi is the most active Ans: **While** passing through ten different cities, **I found** Karachi **was** the most active

(2) He was laid up for six weeks with two broken ribs Ans: He was lying up for six weeks with two broken ribs

(3) Someone showed the visitors in the room Ans: Someone showed the room to the visitors.

(4) Until you remain idle you will make no progress. Ans: **So long as** you remain idle you will make no progress.

(5) It is very wrong to be devoted to lying and cheating Ans: It is very wrong **to devote oneself** to lying and cheating

(6) He told me that he is waiting for me since a long time. Ans: He told me that **he had been waiting** for me **for** a long time.

(7) The house stood up in the dull street because of its red door. Ans: The house stood up **dull in the street** because of its red door.

(8) He brought the articles to the market which he wanted to sell Ans: He brought the articles which he wanted to sell to the market.

Note:

- 1. Once you start in past you always end in past.
- 2. Use of Past continuous Tense
- 3. Use of Correct arrangement of words.
- 4. We do not use the word 'until' because it means to talk about a state or action that will continue to a certain point.
- 5. Verb such as "Devote" immediately takes reflexive pronouns after them.
- 7. Use of Correct arrangement of words.
- 8. The relative pronouns such as who, that and which should be used before the clause of sentence to which they stress out.



Paper - 2005

Q: Correct the following sentences:

(1) What does a patient tell a doctor it is confidential? Ans: What a patient tells a doctor is confidential.

2) It is a fact that I almost drowned makes me very careful about water safety whenever I go swimming

Ans: <u>The fact that</u> I almost drowned makes me very careful about water safety whenever I go swimming."

3) Did they not consider this as quiet convincing Ans: Did they not consider this as **quite** convincing?

4) St Peter's at Rome is the largest of all other churches Ans; St Peter's **of / in** Rome is the largest of all other churches

5) The amount they receive in wages is greater than twenty years ago
Ans: The amount they receive in wages is greater **than that of** twenty years ago

6) They succeeded with hardly making any effort. Ans: They succeeded hardly making any effort

7) Whatever have you done! Ans: Whatever have you done?

8) The officers were given places according to their respective ranks.

Ans: The officers were given places according to their ranks.



Paper - 2006

Q: Correct the following sentences:

(1) Playing a game regularly is better than to read books always. Ans: **To play a game** regularly is better than to read books always.

(2) A good reader must be hardworking and possess intelligence. Ans: A good reader **should** be hardworking and intelligent.

(3) I noticed Akbar was carrying a bag in his hand. Ans: I noticed **that** Akbar was carrying a bag in his hand.

(4) Having entered his house, the door was shut at one. Ans: **After** having entered his house, the door was shut at **once**.

(5) He thinks that his writing is better than his friend. Ans: He thinks that his writing is better than **that of** his friend.

(6) He is such a man who is liked by everyone. Ans: He is such a man! Who is liked by everyone

(7) I sent a verbal message to my friend. Ans: I sent **an oral** message to my friend.

(8) He has visited as many historical places as one has or can visit. Ans: He has visited as many historical places as one **can have** or **could** visit.



Paper - 2007

Q: Correct the following sentences:

1) Either of these three umbrellas will suit me.

Ans: **Any** of these three umbrellas will suit me.

2) Shall you not take my word in this matter? Ans: **Will** you not take my word in this matter?

3) This poor man was suffering much for a long time past, Ans: This poor man was suffering **much for a long time**.

4) If he had not died, he would grow up to be a murderer. Ans: If he had not died, he would **have grown** up to be a murderer.

5) Neither he nor I are in the wrong. Ans: Neither he nor I **am** in the wrong.

6) It is high time they mend this road. Ans: It is high time they **mended** this road.

7) I heard him went down the stairs. Ans: I heard him **going** down the stairs.

8) Paper is made of wood. Ans: Paper is made **from** wood.



Paper - 2008

Q: Correct the following sentences:

i. Please tell me where is your brother?

Ans: Tell me please, where is your brother? Or Tell me where is your brother, please?

ii. Sajjad as well as Saleem were late.

Ans: Sajjad as well as Saleem was late.

iii. He is the most cleverest boy in the class.

Ans: He is the cleverest boy in the class.

iv. I have met him last month.

Ans: I met him last month.

vi. Nothing but novels please him.

Ans: Nothing **pleases** him but novels.

vii. The teacher gave the boy an advice which he refused.

Ans: The teacher gave the boy a piece of advice which he refused.

viii. He brought the articles to the market which he wanted to sell.

Ans: He brought the articles which he wanted to sell to the market.



Paper - 2009 Q: Correct the following sentences:

(i) He swore from God. Ans: He swore **to** God

(ii) Is your dress different than mine?

Ans: Is your dress different than **that of** mine?

(iii) He inquired whether I live in Karachi.

Ans: He inquired whether I have lived in Karachi

(iv) He spoke these words upon his face. Ans: He spoke these words <u>on</u> his face

(v) They ran direct to their college. Ans: They ran <u>directly</u> to their college

(vi) I shall not come here unless you will not call me.

Ans: I shall not come here unless you call me.

(vii) They have been building a wall since three days.

Ans: They have been building a wall **for** three days.

(viii) He does not have some devotion to his studies.

Ans: He does not have **any** devotion to his studies.



Paper - 2010 Q: Correct the following sentences:

1) This house is built of brick and stone.

Ans: This house is built **from** bricks and stones.

2) The climate of Pakistan is better than England? Ans: The climate of Pakistan is better than **that of** England.

3) He swore by God Ans: He swore **to** God.

4) You ought to have regarded him your benefactor. Ans: You ought to have regarded him <u>as</u> your benefactor.

5) My friend is very ill; i hope he will soon die. Ans: My friend is very ill, I fear he will die soon.

6) He is waiting for better and promising opportunity.

Ans: He is waiting for better and **more promising** opportunity.

7) When I shall see her I will deliver her your gift. Ans: When I see her, I will deliver her your gift

8) Many a sleepless nights she spent. Ans: Many a sleepless night she spent.



Paper - 2011 Q: Correct the following sentences:

(1) Please speak to concerned clerk Ans: Please **talk** to concerned clerk.

(2) You have got time too short for that Ans: You have not enough time for that. Or You have gotten time too short for that.

(3) Not only he was a thief, but he was also a murderer Ans: Not only he was a thief, but also a murderer.

(4) They thought that plan would be succeeded. Ans: They thought that plan would have been succeeded

(5) It is unlikely that he wins the race Ans: It is unlikely he wins race

(6) My uncle has told me something about it yesterday. Ans: My uncle told me something about it yesterday.

(7) I hoped that by the time I would have got there it would have stop raining Ans: I hoped that by the time I would have got there it would have stopped raining

(8) They prevented driver to stop
Ans: they prevented driver from stopping



Paper - 2012

Q: Correct the following sentences:

i A ten-feet long snake made people run here and there.

Ans: A ten-**foot** long snake made people run here and there

ii We are going to the concert, and so they are.

Ans: We are going to the concert so they are.

iii Enclosed with this letter was a signed Affidavit and a carbon copy of his request to our main office.

Ans: Enclosed with this letter were a signed affidavit and a carbon copy of his request to our main office.

iv Fear from God Ans: Fear God

v Pakistan has and will support the Kashmiris

Ans: Pakistan has supported and will support the Kashmiris.

vi He has come yesterday. Ans: He came yesterday

vii Arshad's down fall was due to nothing else than pride. Ans: Arshad's downfall was due to nothing else but pride.

vii Do not avoid to consult a doctor. Ans: Do not avoid consulting a doctor