**ENG 4C Grammar Unit PreQUIZ!!! /45**

***27 marks MEANS NO FURTHER WORK ON GRAMMAR***

Place the correct punctuation in the correct place.

**Part A. The Apostrophe (5 marks)**

1. The boys hat was on his dads dresser.
2. lt was three days journey to the mountain.
3. Dont think he didnt know it.
4. There are two ps in Mississippi.
5. He was in a rock band in 65.

**Part B. The Colon and Semicolon (5 marks)**

1. Bring these tools hammer, drill and wrench.
2. The author wrote “if he had acted sooner, he would have survived.”
3. It was the middle of April all the spring flowers were starting to grow.
4. We learned things for example, how to throw and catch properly, how to bunt, and how to tag.
5. Bring the following a pencil case with pencils, pens, and markers a binder with three rings, lined paper, and blank paper.

**Part C. Commas (10 marks)**

1. The student explained her question yet the instructor still didn’t understand.
2. While I was eating the cat scratched the door.
3. She was still quiet although she had won the Oscar.
4. ln this case however you seem to have over~exerted yourself.
5. He promised to lower taxes protect the environment and reduce crime.
6. He was a difficult stubborn child.
7. He was merely ignorant not stupid.
8. Lisa waved at Nancy who for the moment was laughing joyously.
9. July 22 1959 was a momentous day.
10. John said “l’ll see you later.”

**Part D. Quotation Marks (5 marks)**

1. She asked, Have you seen my friend?
2. He said, Shelly said, Don’t treat me that way
3. When are you coming? she asked.
4. He asked her what she thought.
5. Don’t believe it, even if he says so.

**Part E. End Punctuation (3 marks)**

1. You’re crazy
2. What is that
3. This is the book

**Part F. Brackets/Parentheses (3 marks)**

1. Joe Jones you knew him visited yesterday.
2. We’re going to: 1 Africa, 2 Europe, 3 Asia.
3. They live for fifty 50 years.

**Part G. The Dash (3 Marks)**

1. Shakespeare an author who needs no introduction will be studied in this course
2. He likes me although he’d never admit it as much as his own brother.
3. The way is clear we must get on with the job.

**Part H. Root Words (6 Marks).**

1. Circle the root word:
   1. failure
   2. creature
   3. desire
   4. calmly
2. Create a word using this root: half
3. What is the root word of indefensible?

**Punctuate the Sentence (5 marks)**

1. You shouldnt have gone that was the message /1
2. Hey he said are you serious about this or not /2
3. Leave the following a car the money and a map or youre toast /2

**Apostrophes: Exercise**

Punctuate the following sentences with apostrophes according to the rules for using the apostrophe.

1. Whos the partys candidate for vice president this year?
2. The fox had its right foreleg caught securely in the traps jaws.
3. Our neighbors car is an old Chrysler, and its just about to fall apart.
4. In three weeks time well have to begin school again.
5. Didnt you hear that theyre leaving tomorrow?
6. Whenever I think of the stories I read as a child, I remember Cinderellas glass slipper and Snow Whites wicked stepmother.
7. We claimed the picnic table was ours, but the Smiths children looked so disappointed that we found another spot.
8. Its important that the kitten learns to find its way home.
9. She did not hear her childrens cries.
10. My address has three 7s, and Tims phone number has four 2s.
11. Didnt he say when he would arrive at Arnies house?
12. Its such a beautiful day that Ive decided to take a sun bath.
13. She said the watch Jack found was hers, but she couldnt identify the manufacturers name on it.
14. Little girls clothing is on the first floor, and the mens department is on the second.
15. The dogs bark was far worse than its bite.
16. The moons rays shone feebly on the path, and I heard the insects chirpings and whistlings.
17. Theyre not afraid to go ahead with the plans, though the choice is not theirs.
18. The man whose face was tan said that he had spent his two weeks vacation in the mountains.
19. I found myself constantly putting two cs in the word process.
20. Johns 69 Ford is his proudest possession.

**Name: Semicolon & Colon**

1. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
   1. The host raised his glass; "Happy Holidays to all!"
   2. The host raised his glass: "Happy Holidays to all!"
   3. The host raised his glass "Happy Holidays to all!“
   4. The host raised his glass, “Happy Holidays to all!“
2. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
   1. Alison paused at the corner: "I wonder which way to torn."
   2. Alison paused at the corner, "I wonder which way to turn."
   3. Alison paused at the corner “I wonder which way to turn.“
   4. Alison paused at the corner; “I wonder which way to turn.“
3. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
   1. Since it is raining, I’ll turn off the sprinklers.
   2. Since it is raining; I‘ll turn off the sprinklers.
   3. Since it is raining. I‘ll turn off the sprinklers.
   4. Since it is raining I‘l| turn off the sprinklers.
4. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
   1. There is only one candidate I can support President Buchanan.
   2. There is only one candidate I can support: President Buchanan.
   3. There is only one candidate I can support; President Buchanan.
   4. There is only one candidate: I can support President Buchanan.
5. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
   1. I know starting early means I will accomplish more; however; 5:30 a.m.; is too early
   2. I know starting early means I will accomplish more, however, 5:30 a.m. is too early.
   3. I know starting early means I will accomplish more; however, 5:30 a.m. is too early.
   4. I know starting early means I will accomplish more however, 5:30 a.m., is too early.
6. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly
   1. Carla said that she loved country music; so we put on our Dixie Chicks album.
   2. Carla said that she loved country music so we put on our Dixie Chicks album.
   3. Carla said that she loved country music, we put on our Dixie Chicks album.
   4. Carla said that she loved country music, so we put on our Dixie Chicks album.
7. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
   1. The loudspeaker crackled: “The 5:30 p.m. flight to New York is now boarding.”
   2. The loudspeaker crackled, “The 5,30 p.m. flight to New York is now boarding."
   3. The loudspeaker crackled "The 5:30 p.m. flight to New York is now boarding.“
   4. The loudspeaker crackled; "The 5:30 p.m. flight to New York is now boarding."
8. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
   1. Please save your questions for the end of the presentation; if you don‘t understand
   2. If you don’t understand; please save your questions for the end of the presentation
   3. If you don‘t understand, please save your questions for the end of the presentation
   4. Please save your questions for the end of the presentation. If you don‘t understand
9. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
   1. All the garnishes on the platter were edible: carrot curls, radish roses, and parsley spngs.
   2. All the garnishes on the platter were edible, carrot curls, radish roses, and parsley spngs.
   3. All the garnishes on the platter were edible carrot curls, radish roses, and parsley spngs.
   4. All the garnishes on the platter were edible; carrot curls, radish roses, and parsley spngs.
10. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
    1. The buffet featured several kinds of fruit, apples, pears, kiwis, mangoes, and pineapples.
    2. The buffet featured several kinds of fruit: apples; pears; kiwis; mangoes; and pineapples.
    3. The buffet featured several kinds of fruit: apples, pears, kiwis, mangoes, and pineapples.
    4. The buffet featured several kinds of fruit; apples, pears, kiwis, mangoes, and pineapples.
11. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
    1. ‘ Pitcher, catcher, short stop, point guard, forward, center, quarterback, tackle, safety are positions in baseball, basketball, and football.
    2. ‘ Pitcher, catcher, short stop; point guard, forward, center; quarterback, tackle, safety are positions in baseball, basketball, and football.
    3. ‘Pitcher, catcher, short stop; point guard, forward, center; quarterback, tackle, safety are positions in baseball; basketball; and football.
    4. ‘ Pitcher catcher short stop, point guard forward center, quarterback tackle safety are positions in baseball, basketball, and football.
12. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
    1. The dietician warned against eating an excess of: eggs, butter, and steak.
    2. The dietician warned against eating an excess of eggs; butter; and steak.
    3. The dietician warned against eating an excess of; eggs, butter, and steak.
    4. The dietician warned against eating an excess of eggs, butter, and steak.
13. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
    1. We can expect afternoon temperatures to be cooler today; after all; it is midmorning; and the sun has yet to burn off the fog. ~ Karen votes for a movie, so we are going to a movie.
    2. We can expect afternoon temperatures to be cooler today, after all, it is midmorning, and the sun has yet to burn off the fog. - Karen votes for a movie, we are going to a movie.
14. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
    1. Jack‘s best sport is basketball his brother excels at soccer.
    2. Jack’s best sport is basketball; his brother excels at soccer.
    3. Jack‘s best sport is basketball and his brother excels at soccer.
    4. Jack's best sport is basketball, his brother excels at soccer.
15. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
    1. Oak burns slowly and makes a hot fire fir splits easily and makes superiour kindling.
    2. Oak burns slowly and makes a hot fire, fir splits easily and makes superiour kindling
    3. Oak burns slowly and makes a hot fire; fir splits easily and makes superiour kindling
    4. Oak burns slowly and makes a hot fire but fir splits easily and makes superiour kindling.
16. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
    1. Swinging the door open quietly, the two police officers surprised a young burglar as he worked to disconnect the cable wire from the Tucker‘s television set.
    2. Swinging the door open quietly, the two police officers surprised a young burglar as he worked; to disconnect the cable wire from the Tucker's television set.
    3. Swinging the door open quietly; the two police officers surprised a young burglar as he worked to disconnect the cable wire from the Tucker‘s television set.
    4. Swinging the door open quietly the two police officers surprised a young burglar as he worked to disconnect the cable wire from the Tucker‘s television set.
17. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
    1. Audrey had a bad cold; consequently, she won't be able to play in the game tonight.
    2. Audrey had a bad cold and consequently, she won‘t be able to play in the game tonight.
    3. Audrey had a bad cold, consequently, she won‘t be able to play in the game tonight.
    4. Audrey had a bad cold consequently she won’t be able to play in the game tonight.
18. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
    1. We were up until two this morning: because our group project is due this afternoon.
    2. We were up until two this morning because our group project is due this afternoon.
    3. Because our group project is due this afternoon. We were up until two this morning.
    4. Because our group project is due this afternoon; we were up until two this morning.
19. Select the sentence that is puncutated correctly.
    1. While we were walking the dog after dinner; then, the moon rose.
    2. While we were walking the dog after dinner. The moon rose.
    3. While we were walking the dog after dinner; the moon rose.
    4. While we were walking the dog after dinner, the moon rose.

**Using Commas:**

* + Add commas as needed in the sentences below.
  + On the line to the left of each sentence, write the number of the appropriate comma rule.
  + If the sentence is correct as it is, write C on the line and refer to the appropriate rule in parentheses after the sentence.
  + You may wish to review our handout on Using Commas before trying this exercise.

1. He left the scene of the accident and tried to forget that it had happened.
2. Oil which is lighter than water rises to the surface.

1. Madame de Stael was an attractive gracious lady.
2. Nice is a word with many meanings and some of them are contradictory.
3. The contractor testified that the house was completed and that the work had been done properly.
4. Some people refuse to go to the zoo because of pity for creatures that must live in small cages.
5. Taxicabs that are dirty are illegal in some cities.
6. The closet contained worn clothes old shoes and dirty hats.
7. The uninvited guest wore a dark blue tweed suit.
8. After surviving this ordeal the trapper felt relieved.
9. Mark Twain's early novels I believe stand the test of time.
10. December 7 1941 will never be forgotten.
11. The field was safe enough wasn't it?
12. Write the editor of the Atlantic 8 Arlington Street Boston Massachusetts
13. He replied "I have no idea what you mean."
14. After a good washing and grooming the pup looked like a new dog.
15. Because of their opposition to institutions that force creatures to live in captivity some people refuse to go to the zoo.
16. Men who are bald are frequently the ones who are the most authoritative on the subject of baldness.
17. Vests which were once popular have been out of vogue for several years.
18. As a celestial goddess she regulated the course of the heavenly bodies and controlled the alternating seasons.
19. I hope that some day he will learn how to be polite.

**Quotation Marks:**

Exercise In the following sentences put in quotation marks wherever they are needed, and underline words where italics are needed.

1. Mary is trying hard in school this semester, her father said.
2. No, the taxi driver said curtly, I cannot get you to the airport in fifteen minutes.
3. I believe, Jack remarked, that the best time of year to visit Europe is in the spring. At least that‘s what I read in a book entitled Guide to Europe.
4. My French professor told me that my accent is abominable.
5. She asked, Is Time a magazine you read regularly?
6. Flannery O‘Connor probably got the title of one of her stories from the words of the old popular song, A Good Man Is Hard to Find.
7. When did Roosevelt say, We have nothing to fear but fear itself?
8. It seems to me that hip and cool are words that are going out of style.
9. Yesterday, John said, This afternoon I'll bring back your book Conflict in the Middle East; however, he did not return it.
10. Can you believe, Dot asked me, that it has been almost five years since we've seen each other?
11. A Perfect Day for Bananafish is, I believe, J. D. Salinger's best short story.
12. Certainly, Mr. Martin said, I shall explain the whole situation to him. I know that he will understand.

**End Punctuation Quiz**

Put the needed punctuation in each of these sentences.

1. Don’t run out in the street
2. Now is the time to support honesty in all aspects of life
3. Well Were we go again
4. Pay attention, will you
5. Who is that guy walking down the hall
6. He doesn't live here anymore
7. Get out of here
8. Did you bring the money that we need
9. Watch what you are doing
10. I will see you tomorrow

Parentheses Quiz Use parentheses where needed in these sentences.

1. I'll get back to you tomorrow Friday.
2. Which country countries do you want to visit?
3. You put ﬁfty-four 54 books on that shelf.
4. The ACLU American Civil Liberties Union is going to bring a suit.
5. If you want to be healthy, you must 1 eat good food, 2 get sufﬁcient exercise, and 3 get adequate sleep.
6. The Atomic Energy Commission AEC is very concerned about what is happening in Europe.
7. We are going to visit Brazil I don't know where this spring.
8. I need seven 7 dollars for tonight.
9. To take this ride, you need to 1 shut your eyes, 2 hang on tight, and 3 pray.
10. That movie reminded me I remember it well about the adventure we had.

Dashes Quiz

Place dashes where needed.

1. The Grapes of Wrath, a book many consider it John Steinbeck’s greatest has been studied for decades.
2. He enjoys the work he does although he’d retire today if the opportunity was given to him.
3. Les Paul the man attributed with creating the ﬁrst electric guitar received a lifetime achievement award.
4. The end of her career is certain unless she addresses the bosses concerns immediately.
5. The truth is obvious it is our failure to recognize it that creates problems.

ls this word sum correct or incorrect? un + recognize + able = unrecognizable

incorrect it correct

ls this word sum correct or incorrect? tire + ed = tireed it correct rt incorrect

ls this word sum correct or incorrect? care + less = carless ti” ‘

correct art incorrect

Which of these is a root word? ft station rt pollution it promotion it professional

Which of these is a root word? it complimentary rt complete I“ commufter c a rant wife?’ rt comming

Which of these isn‘t a root word? ti tall ti” love rt runny ti‘ try

Which of these isn't a root word? F cauﬁon it careful It danger it correct %=

Which of these words can't be made from the root word ‘excite’? excitement it excitable F unexciting ft exit

Which of these words can’t be made from the root word ‘employ’? ft employee if” employer I ii‘ Ploy ti‘ unemployment s True or false? You can add a prefix or a suffix to a root word. ti true it false 75 § it /l b

Denotation and Connotation Exercise

For each word, write the denotation of the word, phrase, or sentence and the connotation of the word, phrase, or sentence:

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| Word | Denotation | Connotation |
| Mother. |  |  |
| Doctor |  |  |
| Useless |  |  |
| That’s an old joke |  |  |
| Get lost! |  |  |