English Punctuation & Grammar: Easy Practice Paper 1 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	D	'in the icy snow' is the end of the sentence, and the sentence began with Have you ever wondered, so it is a question. A question closes with a question mark, not with nothing at all: in the icy snow? The mistake is in group D.
2	B	'live in antarctica,' names a particular place, and the name of a place is a proper noun, so it always begins with a capital letter: live in Antarctica. The comma after it is right, because the words that follow simply tell us more about the same place. The mistake is in group B.
3	A	'A penguins feathers' means the feathers belonging to one penguin, so this is a possessive and needs an apostrophe before the s: A penguin's feathers. Without the apostrophe the word simply means more than one penguin. The mistake is in group A.
4	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma after fat is needed because the words that follow it are extra description added to the sentence, and the full stop closes the sentence properly. So there is no mistake in this line.
5	C	'on his feet he does' runs two sentences into one. The first sentence finishes after feet, so it needs a full stop there and the next sentence needs a capital letter: on his feet. He does not eat for weeks. The mistake is in group C.
6	A	'The young chicks huddles' does not agree. Chicks is plural, meaning more than one, so the verb drops its s: The young chicks huddle. You would say one chick huddles but several chicks huddle. The mistake is in group A.
7	B	'fish squid and krill,' is a list of three things, and the items in a list are separated by commas, with and before the last one: fish, squid and krill. A comma is missing after fish. The mistake is in group B.

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8	D	‘dont catch them.’ is missing an apostrophe. Dont is the short form of do not, and an apostrophe stands in place of the letter that has been left out, which here is the o of not: don’t catch them. The mistake is in group D.
9	C	‘the young penguins is’ does not agree. Penguins is plural, so the verb must be are, not is: the young penguins are ready to swim. The mistake is in group C.
10	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The sentence begins with a capital letter, it is short enough to need no commas inside it, and it ends with a full stop. The plural subject chicks takes the plural verb slip. So there is no mistake in this line.

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