English Punctuation & Grammar: Medium Practice Paper 1 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	A	'By six oclock' is missing an apostrophe. O'clock is a shortened form of of the clock, and the apostrophe stands in place of the letters that have gone: By six o'clock. The mistake is in group A.
2	D	'I must light the lamp.' is what Grandad actually says out loud, so it must be wrapped in speech marks: "I must light the lamp." The comma after said is already correct. The mistake is in group D.
3	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma after the opening phrase Without that light is right, because that phrase is not the main part of the sentence, and the full stop closes the line. So there is no mistake in this line.
4	C	'see it's beam' uses the wrong word. It's is short for it is, and a ship cannot see it is beam. The word needed is the possessive its, which never takes an apostrophe: see its beam. The mistake is in group C.
5	A	'The keepers cottage' means the cottage belonging to the keeper, so it is a possessive and needs an apostrophe before the s: The keeper's cottage. The mistake is in group A.
6	B	'rose Nell climbed' needs a comma in the middle. The sentence opens with As the wind rose, which is not the main part of the sentence, so a comma must separate it from what follows: As the wind rose, Nell climbed. The mistake is in group B.
7	A	'The lamp room was freezing,' is a complete sentence on its own, and so is Nell could see her own breath in the air. A comma is too weak to join two sentences: a full stop or a semicolon is needed. The mistake is in group A.
8	E	Every mark in this line is correct. Two complete sentences are joined by and, and the comma before it is right. So there is no mistake in this line.

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9	B	‘hardly see nothing’ uses two negatives, hardly and nothing, and they cancel each other out, saying the opposite of what is meant. One negative is enough: could hardly see anything. The mistake is in group B.
10	D	‘still turned’ is the end of the passage, and the sentence stops with nothing to close it. A statement ends with a full stop: still turned. The mistake is in group D.

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