English Punctuation & Grammar: Medium Practice Paper 1

The Lighthouse

In these sentences there are some **punctuation and grammar** mistakes. The ten numbered lines follow on from one another and make one short passage. On each numbered line there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. The words are split into four groups, **A** to **D**. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter. **If there is no mistake, mark E.**

Q1.

By six oclock the storm had been building for three hours.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. By six oclock

B. the storm had been

C. building for

D. three hours.

E. No mistake

Q2.

Grandad pulled on his coat and said, I must light the lamp.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. Grandad pulled

B. on his coat

C. and said,

D. I must light the lamp.

E. No mistake

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Q3.

Without that light, ships would drift onto the rocks below.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. Without that light,

B. ships would drift

C. onto the rocks

D. below.

E. No mistake

Q4.

A ship far out at sea can see it’s beam from twenty miles.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. A ship far out

B. at sea can

C. see it’s beam

D. from twenty miles.

E. No mistake

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Q5.

The keepers cottage stood at the foot of the tall white tower.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. The keepers cottage

B. stood at the foot

C. of the tall

D. white tower.

E. No mistake

Q6.

As the wind rose Nell climbed the spiral stairs behind him.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. As the wind

B. rose Nell climbed

C. the spiral stairs

D. behind him.

E. No mistake

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Q7.

The lamp room was freezing, Nell could see her own breath in the air.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. The lamp room was freezing,

B. Nell could

C. see her own

D. breath in the air.

E. No mistake

Q8.

He turned the wick up slowly, and the great lamp began to glow.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. He turned the wick

B. up slowly, and

C. the great lamp

D. began to glow.

E. No mistake

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Q9.

Nell could hardly see nothing through the thick whirling snow.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. Nell could

B. hardly see nothing

C. through the thick

D. whirling snow.

E. No mistake

Q10.

By midnight the storm had passed, but the light still turned

A **B** **C** **D**

A. By midnight

B. the storm had passed,

C. but the light

D. still turned

E. No mistake

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