

English Punctuation & Grammar: Medium Practice Paper

3 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	B	'at Oakfield school' names one particular school, so school is part of its name and takes a capital letter: at Oakfield School. The mistake is in group B.
2	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.
3	C	'(borrowed from the hall' opens a bracket that is never closed. Brackets always come in pairs, so one must close after hall: (borrowed from the hall) in the shade. The mistake is in group C.
4	B	'get ready!' are the words actually spoken, and the first word inside speech marks takes a capital letter, just like the start of any sentence: "Get ready!" The mistake is in group B.
5	A	'The girls race' means the race belonging to the girls. Girls is already plural, so the apostrophe goes after the s, not before it: The girls' race. The mistake is in group A.
6	D	'ten metres' ends the sentence with nothing to close it. A statement finishes with a full stop: ten metres. The mistake is in group D.
7	A	'the crowd rose' starts a new sentence, so its first word needs a capital letter: The crowd rose. The mistake is in group A.
8	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma before which is right, because the words that follow only add extra information about the record. So there is no mistake in this line.
9	B	'tape measure.' closes a question with a full stop. What Mrs Dean says is a question, so the mark inside the speech marks is a question mark: "Where is the tape measure?" The mistake is in group B.

10	C	'every runner were' does not agree. Every runner means each one on his or her own, which is singular, so the verb must be was: every runner was holding a medal. The mistake is in group C.
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