

English Punctuation & Grammar: Hard Practice Paper 1 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma after the opening phrase is right, the list hot, dry and crowded takes its comma in the right place, and the full stop closes the line. So there is no mistake in this line.
2	C	'in Pudding lane' is the name of a street, and every word in the name of a place is a proper noun, so lane takes a capital letter: in Pudding Lane. The mistake is in group C.
3	B	'realised, that the flames' puts a comma between the verb and what was realised. Nothing should separate a verb from the clause that belongs to it, so that comma does not belong there: realised that the flames. The mistake is in group B.
4	A	'London Bridge which' needs a comma after the name. The words which was crowded with houses only add extra information about a bridge that has already been named, so they must be held inside a pair of commas. The closing one is there, after houses, but the opening one is missing: London Bridge, which was crowded with houses, caught fire too. The mistake is in group A.
5	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The extra description who kept a famous diary is held inside a proper pair of commas, and the sentence ends with a full stop. So there is no mistake in this line.
6	B	'did not act at once,' ends one complete sentence, and by then it was too late is another. A comma is too weak to join two sentences: a semicolon or a full stop is needed. The mistake is in group B.
7	D	'was lost.' does not agree. Shops, churches and homes is more than one thing, so the verb must be were: shops, churches and homes were lost. The colon after burnt down is correct, because a list follows it. The mistake is in group D.

8	A	'Nobody know exactly' does not agree. Nobody counts as one person, so it takes the singular verb: Nobody knows exactly. The mistake is in group A.
9	D	'St Pauls Cathedral.' means the cathedral of St Paul, so it is a possessive and needs an apostrophe before the s: St Paul's Cathedral. The mistake is in group D.
10	A	'Today theres' is missing an apostrophe. Theres is short for there is, and the apostrophe stands in place of the missing i: Today there's. The mistake is in group A.