English Punctuation & Grammar: Hard Practice Paper 1

The Great Fire of London

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.

In the summer of 1666, London was hot, dry and crowded.

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

A. In the summer

B. of 1666, London was

C. hot, dry

D. and crowded.

E. No mistake

Q2.

The fire began in a bakery in Pudding lane and spread quickly.

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

A. The fire began

B. in a bakery

C. in Pudding lane

D. and spread quickly.

E. No mistake

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Q3.

Few Londoners realised, that the flames would reach the river.

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

A. Few Londoners

B. realised, that the flames

C. would reach

D. the river.

E. No mistake

Q4.

London Bridge which was crowded with houses, caught fire too.

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

A. London Bridge which

B. was crowded

C. with houses,

D. caught fire too.

E. No mistake

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Q5.

Samuel Pepys, who kept a famous diary, buried his cheese in a pit.

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

A. Samuel Pepys,

B. who kept a famous diary,

C. buried his cheese

D. in a pit.

E. No mistake

Q6.

The Lord Mayor did not act at once, by then it was too late.

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

A. The Lord Mayor

B. did not act at once,

C. by then it

D. was too late.

E. No mistake

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Q7.

Whole streets burnt down: shops, churches and homes was lost.

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

A. Whole streets

B. burnt down: shops,

C. churches and homes

D. was lost.

E. No mistake

Q8.

Nobody know exactly how many people died in the great fire.

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

A. Nobody know exactly

B. how many people

C. died in the

D. great fire.

E. No mistake

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Q9.

Afterwards Sir Christopher Wren designed a new St Pauls Cathedral.

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

A. Afterwards

B. Sir Christopher Wren

C. designed a new

D. St Pauls Cathedral.

E. No mistake

Q10.

Today theres a stone column, the Monument, where the fire began.

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

A. Today theres

B. a stone column,

C. the Monument,

D. where the fire began.

E. No mistake

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