English Spelling: Medium Practice Paper 7 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	A	‘restaraunt’ should be spelled ‘restaurant’. The word came into English from French and keeps its French shape: rest-au-rant, with **au** in the middle and **-ant** at the end. Saying it aloud is what leads people to swap the last two vowels round. The mistake is in group A.
2	C	‘excitment’ should be spelled ‘excitement’. The suffix -ment is added to a whole word, so excite keeps every letter, including its final e: excite + ment. The silent e is only dropped before an ending that begins with a vowel, as in exciting. The mistake is in group C.
3	E	Every word here is spelled correctly. Scissors begins with a silent c and ends in -ors, and cupboard keeps the p of cup even though nobody sounds it, because the word is simply cup joined to board. So there is no mistake in this sentence.
4	B	‘Wenesday’ should be spelled ‘Wednesday’. There is a silent **d** after the first e, because the day was once Woden’s day. Sounding it out as Wed-nes-day in your head is the usual way of remembering it, and the days of the week always take a capital letter. The mistake is in group B.
5	D	‘sucessful’ should be spelled ‘successful’. Success has a double c and a double s, and -ful as an ending always has just one l: success + ful. The mistake is in group D.
6	A	‘Carefuly’ should be spelled ‘Carefully’. The adjective careful already ends in one l, and the adverb ending -ly adds another, so both are kept: careful + ly. The mistake is in group A.
7	E	Every word here is spelled correctly. Guitarist keeps the silent u after the g, and practised is the verb, spelled with an s; the noun practice is the one with a c. So there is no mistake in this sentence.
8	D	‘twelth’ should be spelled ‘twelfth’. It is built on twelve, so the **f** stays when -th is added: twelve becomes twelf-th. The mistake is in group D.

9	B	'trafic' should be spelled 'traffic', with a double f in the middle. The same double f appears in trafficking and in traffickers. The mistake is in group B.
10	C	'familar' should be spelled 'familiar'. There is an **i** before the final r, as there is in family, from which the word comes: fam-il-i-ar. The mistake is in group C.

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