English Spelling: Medium Practice Paper 8 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	A	‘eigth’ should be spelled ‘eighth’. It is eight with -th added, so the t of eight and the t of -th run together: eigh-t-h. It is the only number word with three consonants in a row at the end. The mistake is in group A.
2	C	‘happend’ should be spelled ‘happened’. The verb is happen, and the past tense adds the whole ending -ed, not just a d: happen + ed. The e is barely sounded, which is why it gets left out. The mistake is in group C.
3	E	Every word here is spelled correctly. Museum ends -eum, o’clock takes an apostrophe where the words “of the” have been dropped, and Saturday begins with a capital letter as the days of the week do. So there is no mistake in this sentence.
4	B	‘advertisment’ should be spelled ‘advertisement’. The whole word advertise is kept and -ment is added to it: advertise + ment. The e in the middle is not sounded in speech, which is what makes it easy to lose. The mistake is in group B.
5	D	‘curiousity’ should be spelled ‘curiosity’. Although the adjective is curious, the noun drops the u before -ity: curi-os-ity. The mistake is in group D.
6	C	‘lightening’ should be spelled ‘lightning’. Lightning in the sky has no e in the middle. Lightening is a real word, but it means making something lighter, which is not what a fork in a thunderstorm does. The mistake is in group C.
7	A	‘recomend’ should be spelled ‘recommend’. The prefix re- is joined to commend, and commend already has a double m, so both m letters are kept: re + commend. The mistake is in group A.
8	E	Every word here is spelled correctly. Knowledge begins with a silent k and keeps the e before -dge, genuinely keeps the e of genuine before -ly, and useful ends with a single l as -ful endings always do. So there is no mistake in this sentence.

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9	B	‘bicicle’ should be spelled ‘bicycle’. The middle letter is a **y**, from the same root as cycle: bi- meaning two, and cycle meaning wheel. The mistake is in group B.
10	D	‘excercise’ should be spelled ‘exercise’. There is only one c, and it comes after the r: ex-er-cise. The extra c creeps in because of words like except and excellent. The mistake is in group D.

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