English Punctuation & Grammar: Medium Practice Paper 4 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	B	'rehearsed for weeks' is where the first half of the sentence ends. Although we had rehearsed for weeks cannot stand on its own, so when it is put in front of the main clause a comma must close it off: rehearsed for weeks, nobody knew. The mistake is in group B.
2	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma before and is right, because and joins two complete sentences, and nothing inside either of them needs separating off. So there is no mistake in this line.
3	A	'Mr Rowe whispered' is missing a comma. When words that are actually spoken follow, a comma is put after the word that introduces them and before the speech marks open: Mr Rowe whispered, "Remember…". The mistake is in group A.
4	D	'the girls dressing room.' means the dressing room belonging to the girls. Girls is already plural and ends in s, so the apostrophe goes after the s: the girls' dressing room. The mistake is in group D.
5	C	'not see nothing' uses two negative words for one negative meaning, which cancels itself out and says the opposite of what is meant. It should be could not see anything, or could see nothing. The mistake is in group C.
6	B	'the music started,' is followed by a second complete sentence, and a comma is too weak to join two sentences together. It needs a full stop or a semicolon: the music started. The whole hall fell silent. The mistake is in group B.
7	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma before and separates two complete sentences, and no other break is needed inside them. So there is no mistake in this line.
8	D	'lost it's temper.' uses the wrong word. It's is short for it is, and the ghost did not lose it is temper. The possessive form has no apostrophe at all: lost its temper. The mistake is in group D.

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9	A	‘Mr Rowes face’ means the face belonging to Mr Rowe, so it is a possessive and takes an apostrophe before the s: Mr Rowe’s face. The mistake is in group A.
10	C	‘was much more better’ makes the comparison twice over. Better is already the comparing form of good, so more is not needed in front of it: was much better than the start. The mistake is in group C.

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