English Punctuation & Grammar: Easy Practice Paper 4 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	D	'middle of a wood' ends the sentence, and the sentence began with Would you like, so it is a question. A question closes with a question mark: middle of a wood? The mistake is in group D.
2	C	'lake windermere' is the name of one particular lake, and the name of a place is a proper noun, so both words begin with a capital letter: Lake Windermere. The mistake is in group C.
3	A	'My brothers rucksack' means the rucksack belonging to my brother, so it is a possessive and needs an apostrophe before the s: My brother's rucksack. Without the apostrophe the word just means more than one brother. The mistake is in group A.
4	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma before and is right, because and is joining two complete sentences that could each stand on their own, and the full stop closes the whole sentence. So there is no mistake in this line.
5	B	'ages to light we' runs two sentences into one. The first sentence finishes after light, so it needs a full stop there, and the sentence that follows needs a capital letter: ages to light. We had no dry wood at all. The mistake is in group B.
6	C	'and the trees was' does not agree. Trees is plural, meaning more than one, so the verb must be were: and the trees were creaking. You would say one tree was creaking but several trees were creaking. The mistake is in group C.
7	D	'beans sausages and toast.' is a list of three things, and the items in a list are separated by commas, with and before the last one: beans, sausages and toast. A comma is missing after beans. The mistake is in group D.
8	B	'we hadnt got' is missing an apostrophe. Hadnt is the short form of had not, and an apostrophe stands in place of the letter that has been left out, which here is the o of not: we hadn't got. The mistake is in group B.

9	A	‘on the last morning,’ begins a new sentence, and every sentence starts with a capital letter: On the last morning. The comma after it is right, because those words tell us when before the main part of the sentence begins. The mistake is in group A.
10	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma before and separates two complete sentences, none of us is treated as singular and so takes wanted, and the full stop closes the passage. So there is no mistake in this line.

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