English Punctuation & Grammar: Hard Practice Paper 4

Shackleton and the Endurance

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 1914, Shackleton sailed south, and his ship was the Endurance.

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

A. In 1914, Shackleton

B. sailed south,

C. and his ship

D. was the Endurance.

E. No mistake

Q2.

The crew, twenty-eight men in all set out from South Georgia.

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

A. The crew,

B. twenty-eight men

C. in all set out

D. from South Georgia.

E. No mistake

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Q3.

The strength of the ice were far greater than they had expected.

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

A. The strength of the ice were

B. far greater

C. than they

D. had expected.

E. No mistake

Q4.

Shackleton took only what mattered, a compass, a diary and a sledge.

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

A. Shackleton took

B. only what mattered,

C. a compass,

D. a diary and a sledge.

E. No mistake

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Q5.

As the months passed, their stores held far less biscuits than before.

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

A. As the months passed,

B. their stores

C. held far

D. less biscuits than before.

E. No mistake

Q6.

Their one hope lay east (some eight hundred miles across open sea.

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

A. Their one hope lay

B. east (some eight

C. hundred miles

D. across open sea.

E. No mistake

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Q7.

He chose five men, and the six of them launched a small open boat.

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

A. He chose five men,

B. and the six

C. of them launched

D. a small open boat.

E. No mistake

Q8.

South Georgias mountains had never been crossed by anyone before.

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

A. South Georgias mountains

B. had never been

C. crossed by

D. anyone before.

E. No mistake

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Q9.

Neither the maps nor the compass were of much use on that crossing.

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

A. Neither the maps

B. nor the compass were

C. of much use

D. on that crossing.

E. No mistake

Q10.

At the whaling station, the manager asked who these men could be?

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

A. At the whaling station,

B. the manager asked

C. who these

D. men could be?

E. No mistake

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