English Punctuation & Grammar: Medium Practice Paper 5 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	C	‘even the arctic’ names one particular ocean, and the name of a place is a proper noun, so it begins with a capital letter: even the Arctic. Pacific in the next group shows how it should be done. The mistake is in group C.
2	A	‘Dolphins bodies’ means the bodies belonging to the dolphins, so it is a possessive and needs an apostrophe. Dolphins is already plural and ends in s, so the apostrophe goes after the s: Dolphins’ bodies. The mistake is in group A.
3	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma before and is right, because and joins two complete sentences, and the full stop closes the whole thing. So there is no mistake in this line.
4	D	‘under the water’ ends the sentence, and a sentence that makes a statement must close with a full stop: under the water. Nothing marks the end of it as the line stands. The mistake is in group D.
5	C	‘and rocks, this is’ has a comma where the first sentence ends, and a comma is too weak to hold two sentences together. It needs a full stop: and rocks. This is how a dolphin finds food. The mistake is in group C.
6	B	‘to find it’s way’ uses the wrong word. It’s is short for it is, and a dolphin does not find it is way anywhere. The possessive form has no apostrophe at all: to find its way. The mistake is in group B.
7	A	‘dolphins often leap’ begins a new sentence, and every sentence starts with a capital letter: Dolphins often leap. The mistake is in group A.
8	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma before and separates two complete sentences, and nobody is treated as singular, so it takes can prove. So there is no mistake in this line.

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9	D	‘did not see nothing odd.’ uses two negative words where one is meant, and the two cancel each other out, so the line says the opposite of what it means. It should be did not see anything odd, or saw nothing odd. The mistake is in group D.
10	B	‘clever and gentle’ is where the first half of the sentence ends. Although they are clever and gentle cannot stand on its own, so when it comes first a comma must close it off: clever and gentle, dolphins are still caught. The mistake is in group B.

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