

English Punctuation & Grammar: Medium Practice Paper 6 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	A	'My grandmothers dog' means the dog belonging to my grandmother, so it is a possessive and takes an apostrophe before the s: My grandmother's dog. The mistake is in group A.
2	D	'have got to' ends the sentence, and the sentence began with Where, so it is a question. A question closes with a question mark: have got to? The mistake is in group D.
3	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma before and is right, because and is joining two complete sentences, and the full stop closes the second one. So there is no mistake in this line.
4	B	"try the allotments," is the beginning of what somebody actually says, and speech starts with a capital letter just as a sentence does: "Try the allotments,". The comma inside the speech marks is right, because the sentence carries on afterwards. The mistake is in group B.
5	C	'we were tired,' is followed by a second complete sentence, and a comma cannot join two sentences on its own. It needs a full stop: we were tired. Nobody wanted to give up. The mistake is in group C.
6	A	'My cousin and I was' does not agree. My cousin and I means two people, so the verb must be were: My cousin and I were ready. The mistake is in group A.
7	E	Every mark in this line is correct. The comma before and separates two complete sentences, and nothing inside either of them needs marking off. So there is no mistake in this line.
8	D	'at it's rusty handle.' uses the wrong word. It's is short for it is, and the door does not have an it is handle. The possessive form never takes an apostrophe: at its rusty handle. The mistake is in group D.

9	B	'far more happier' makes the comparison twice over. Happier is already the comparing form of happy, so more is not wanted in front of it: far happier than any of us. The mistake is in group B.
10	C	'did not say nothing' uses two negatives for one negative meaning, so it says the opposite of what is meant. It should be did not say anything, or said nothing. The mistake is in group C.